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		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon	...Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35	3.00	4.35	5.43	7.15
Yaumati	...Dep.	6.49	—	9.20	10 07	12.07	1.22	—	—	4.42	5.50	7.23
Shatin	...Dep.	7.01	—	9.33	10.19	12.19	1.34	—	—	4.54	6.02	7.35
Taipo	...Dep.	7.15	—	9.48	10.32	12.32	1.47	—	—	5.07	6.15	7.48
TaipoMarket	Dep.	7.20	—	9.53	10.36	12.36	1.51	—	—	5.11	6.19	7.52
Fanling	...Dep.	7.30	—	10.05	10.46	12.46	2.01	—	—	5.21	6.30	8.02
Sheungshui	..Dep.	7.35	—	10.10	10.51	12.51	2.06	3.14	—	5.26	6.35	8.07
Shumshun	...Arr.	7.41	8.45	10.16	10.57	12.57	2.12	3.20	3.40	5.32	6.41	8.13
Canton	...Arr.	—	11.50	5.38	—	—	—	—	6.47	—	—	—

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Canton	...Dep.	—	—	—	8.05	—	—	—	—	3.20	—
Shamshun	...Dep.	7.18	8.05	10.34	11.09	11.37	2.58	4.41	5.49	6.24	6.46
Sheungshui	..Dep.	7.25	8.12	10.41	—	11.44	3.05	4.48	5.56	—	6.53
Fanling	...Dep.	7.30	8.16	10.46	—	11.49	3.10	4.52	6.00	—	—
TaipoMarket	Dep.	7.40	8.26	10.56	—	12.00	3.21	5.02	6.10	—	—
Taipo	...Dep.	7.44	8.31	11.00	—	12.05	3.26	5.07	6.15	—	—
Shatin	...Dep.	7.57	8.44	11.13	—	12.19	3.39	5.20	6.28	—	—
Yaumati	...Dep.	8.11	8.56	11.25	—	12.31	3.51	5.32	6.40	—	—
Kowloon	...Arr.	8.17	9.02	11.31	11.49	12.37	3.57	5.38	6.46	7.04	7.29

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon	...Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.04	9.10	10.00	12.00	2.24	3.00	5.18	7.15
Yaumati	...Dep.	6.49	—	—	—	9.20	10.07	12.07	2.31	—	5.25	7.23
Shatin	...Dep.	7.01	—	—	—	9.33	10.19	12.19	2.43	—	5.38	7.35
Taipo	...Dep.	7.15	—	—	—	9.48	10.32	12.32	2.56	—	5.52	7.48
TaipoMarket	Dep.	7.20	—	—	—	9.53	10.36	12.36	3.00	—	5.56	7.52
Fanling	...Dep.	7.30	—	—	—	10.05	10.46	12.46	3.10	—	6.07	8.02
Sheungshui	..Dep.	7.35	—	9.07	9.41	10.10	10.51	12.51	3.15	—	6.12	8.07
Shum Chun	..Arr.	7.41	8.45	9.13	9.47	10.16	10.57	12.57	3.21	3.40	6.18	8.13
Canton	...Arr.	—	11.50	—	—	5.38	—	—	—	6.47	—	—

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Fanling	...Dep.	8.16	10.46	—	11.49	3.10	5.11	—	6.07	—
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Shatin	...Dep.	8.45	11.13	—	12.19	3.39	5.38	—	6.34	—
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Kowloon	...Arr.	9.03	11.31	11.49	12.37	3.57	5.56	6.17	6.52	7.04

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"This business must be taken in hand, for it is, from the point of view of both countries, a most serious thing."

The Bishop of London made this statement in his sermon at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on the occasion of the visit of the American Legion.

Bond Of Understanding.

"I believe with all my soul, and I say it to all your representatives," continued the bishop, "that the whole future of the world depends on our two nations keeping together in the bonds of love, fellowship and understanding, and my prayer over there and here was, and is, that nothing should ever dim the good understanding and the trust and love which were manifested on that glorious morning, which I shall never forget, when we welcomed the representatives of your nation in St. Paul's Cathedral on coming to stand side by side with us in the great struggle.

"All misunderstanding seemed then to have passed away and I have a treasured letter from Mr. Page thanking me for the glorious service of that day."

The bishop pointed out that the two nations had separate needs. America was self-contained and did not want a far-flung empire. This country would starve in three weeks if it had had no other source to look to.

Mutual Trust.

"Let us trust one another," he said, "and let no one think in America because this country has need of a certain number of cruisers that, therefore, we want to dominate the world.

"On the other hand, the idea that anyone in this country might hold that America wants to swallow up Canada is just about as ridiculous as the other idea. We want mutual trust between the nations so that those things will never be thought of."

The bishop then asked Americans not to be surprised if a man who had lost two sons in the war three years before America came into the war, and owing to the stress of things in this country had now to sell up his home, felt a little sore about it.

Instead of feelings of which he spoke being engendered, he urged that between the two countries there should be bonds of sympathy, good-will, love, and co-operation.

CINDERELLA AS A BANDIT.

PRETTY GIRL ROBS DANCERS.

New York.

Twelve bandits in fancy dress, under the command of a beautiful blonde girl dressed as Cinderella, participated in a Hallowe'en masquerade ball given at Harmony Inn, a suburban resort in the vicinity of Chicago.

Eight of them quietly took seats in the ballroom and mingled with the guests, while four, armed with sawn-off shot-guns, stationed themselves immediately outside the door. A feature of the evening, an Apache dance, had just begun when the Cinderella girl, throwing off her mask, began kissing her partner. The kiss was a pre-arranged signal.

One of the bandits fired a shot into the ceiling, and, with his confederates, ordered more than 100 dancers to line up against the wall. Two of the bandits then stripped the men of their purses and watches, while Cinderella divested the women of their jewels. At this moment a policeman who had received permission from his chief to attend the ball reached the grounds outside on his motor-cycle. Two of the bandit guards shot him.

The bandits, with £3,000 in money and jewels, then fled in two motor-cars.

THE EXTRAS OF HOLLYWOOD.

PRE-WAR ARISTOCRATS.

GENERALS AND AN ARCH-DUKE.

Hollywood, California.

The extra players in the crowd scenes of films made in Hollywood look a light-hearted, gay lot of people, certainly. And when they are actually working in a film indeed they are gay.

A few days ago a film director in a studio here said to one of his assistants, "Just look at that old fellow, doing that animated bit of acting over there! Is he one of the regulars?". The assistant replied, "No, he isn't. He's nearly crazy with joy at having got the day's work. His wife and daughter hadn't eaten for three days; they are dying of starvation. He's acting his bit with all that enthusiasm out of sheer happiness!"

Similar situations occur every day in Hollywood.

And among the crowd of actors who create "atmosphere" in pictures one notices, frequently, a distinguished face. Someone informs the visitor, casually, that the owner of the face is General X or Major Y—naming men who perhaps in the Russian, perhaps the German, the French, or the Austrian army possessed names to conjure with during the days of 1914 to 1918. And now they are extra players in Hollywood, only too happy when they receive a day's salary for playing an extra.

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Armageddon has one of its strangest [illegible] in the [illegible] of California. Officers of [illegible] rank from every European army are brothers to-day, and comrades of "temporary gentlemen," of penniless noblemen, of once-famous stage celebrities, of opera stars fallen on bad days, of ruined country gentlemen. These form a large proportion of the film "crowds."

"What?" cries a young man, "P. . . . is getting twenty-five dollars a day when I'm only getting seven dollars fifty. My dear chap" (addressing the casting director) "he was General W's batman. You really ought to pay me a little more. Just consider, I've got a title to keep up!" And this young man, bearing one of the oldest European titles, laughs gaily as he goes off to take his place in the rank and file of the crowd assembled under the blazing studio lights.

The Archduke Leopold of Austria has just finished a small part in one film. Everyone liked him: the prop-men and the studio hands called him, affectionately, "Archi." He was acting with a Frenchman, a Belgian, an Englishman, and a German—all of them formerly officers who fought in the trenches, some on one side, some on the other.

There are tens of thousands of men and women registered as extra players: there are on an average two thousand of them employed every day. For the rest—managing, ways and means, hope, starvation. Hollywood is all heartbreaks: but somehow in the smiling, haunted eyes of the men whom the tide of the Great War swept out here there is something other than heartbreak. There is a sermon for humanity, if they would read it.

A WARNING TO IMPROVE.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND FILM INDUSTRY.

The American film industry must either voluntarily clean its house or the United States Government will step in and do it for them.

The so-called independent cinema operators have for some time been protesting to the Federal Trade Commission that great producers such as the Famous Players Lasky and other concerns virtually control the trade and the independents either cannot obtain films they want or, owing to the practice of block booking, must take the films the big producers force upon them.

At a meeting of 200 owners of theatres, a member of the Federal Trade Commission plainly told them that they must change the practices now existing or the Government would have to take the matter in hand and force certain reforms.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30—6.30 p.m.

Hockey: Club "A" v. K.O.S.B., King's Park, 5 p.m.; University "B" v. Y.M.C.A. "A."

H.K. Automobile Association Dinner-Dance, Hong Kong Hotel, 8 p.m. to 12.30 a.m.

Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.

St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club Whist Drive, Cathedral Hall, 8.45 p.m.

Dance, Engineers' Institute.

H.K. Philharmonic Society present "Merrie England," Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse."

World Theatre: "Beware of Widows."

Star Theatre: "It's the Old Army Game."

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe *via* Siberia (*Hakozaki Maru*). Outward: Australia, New Zealand, etc. (*Changte*), 10.30 a.m.; Europe *via* Siberia (*Antenor*), 2.30 p.m.

Saturday.

Bankruptcy Court, 10.30 a.m.

Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanling.

Fanling Hunt: Meet Sheung Shui Police Station, 2.45 p.m.

Yachting: Challenge Cups race for racing yachts.

Lawn Bowls: Official closing and distribution of prizes, Taikoo Bowling Green Club, 3 p.m.

Cricket League:—Division I.: Chinese R.C. v. C.S.C.C.; University v. R.G.A.; I.R.C. "B" v. Craigengower C.C.; Kowloon C.C. v. I.R.C. "A." Division II.: C.S.C.C. 2nd XI v. University 2nd XI.; H.K. Electric Co. v. Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI.; Police R.C. v. Royal Navy.

Friendly Cricket: H.K.C.C. v. Club de Recreio.

H.K. Football League:—Division I.: Chinese Ath. v. Air Force; Kowloon v. Club; Recreio v. South China; Scots Guards v. Police. Division II. "A": Kowloon v. Recreio; South China "A" v. Club; University v. K.O.S.B.; Chinese Ath. v. Royal Artillery; St. Joseph's v. South China "B." Division II. "B": South China "A" v. St. Joseph's; Chinese Ath. v. Kowloon; South China "B" v. Moslems; Kung Woo v. Scouts.

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Cafe Regent and King Edward Hotel dinner dances, 8 p.m.

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Principal Mails: — Inward: U.S.A., etc. (*President Garfield*). Outward: Europe *via* Marseilles, etc. (*Hakozaki Maru*), 9.30 a.m.; Canada, America, etc., and Europe *via* Victoria, B.C. (*Achilles*), 10.30 a.m.

Sunday.

4th Sunday in Advent.

Golf: Bogey Pool Fanling; Final of Royal H.K. Golf Club Championship; 1st Round of Hong Foursomes, Kowloon Golf Club.

Fanling Hunt: Drag Hunt, meet at Lokmachau, 10.30 a.m.

Yachting: Cruisers 3rd Championship Race.

Military Gymkhana, Kwanti, 3 p.m.

Theosophical Society Lecture, Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 6 p.m.

"Cheer O" Y.M.C.A.:—Men's Meeting, 7.45 p.m.

After dinner dance at Lee Gardens.

Queen's Theatre: "Good and Naughty."

World Theatre: "Three Miles Up," and "Shoulder Arms."

Star Theatre: "The Limited Mail."

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe *via* Negapatam, papers (*Takliwa*).

Monday.

Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanling.

Yachting: Ladies' 4th Championship Race.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30—6.30 p.m.

Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.

Debate: "That young men and women to-day are less serious than they were 25 years ago," at St. Peter's Chuch Young Men's Club, 8.30 p.m.

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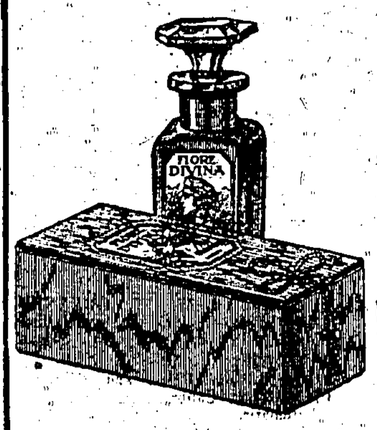

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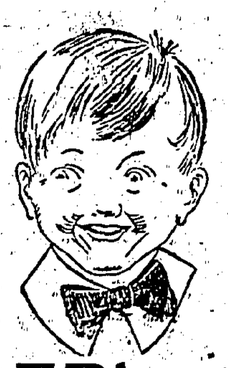

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RISE IN CHINESE AND NATIVE STANDARDS OF LIFE.

In the course of his report on the Customs Department of the B.N.B. Government, Mr. M. M. Clark says of trade generally:

Import trade was good with an increase of over 13 per cent. I think that this can be put down chiefly to a fairly good average price for rubber the year through, and less restriction of rubber exports. These two factors brought in a lot of money to large and small estates, small holders, etc., and they spent it fairly freely in various ways, more labour generally being employed and more goods being bought by the native and Chinese community mostly. Good copra, salt fish, charcoal and firewood exports also helped indirectly to swell import trade. The increase in the chief imports would seem to be a proof of a rise in the native and Chinese standards of living. Export trade showed a decrease due solely to a drop in the price of rubber. Excluding this a fair increase would have resulted—copra, sundries (chiefly tingkawang nuts), dried and salt fish, firewood, live stock, rattans and charcoal showing particularly well. Against these estate tobacco and sago flour had disappointing returns, whilst coal also fell away.

Reflex Of China's Trouble.

Export business was in 1925 unfavourably affected by the situation in China, and although this factor still made itself felt in 1926, a more satisfactory trend was on the whole to be noted. This was partly due to a small freight war, brought about by a rival steamship line entering into business on the Hong Kong—Sandakan run, and later extending its operations to Jesselton and the East Coast. This stimulated trade in salt fish, firewood, rattans, charcoal, etc.

Rubber, Timber, Tobacco And Copra.

Over half of our export trade is accounted for by rubber, and granted a continued demand for this the outlook is not discouraging. The reverse would seem to testify to the unhealthy dependence of the country on one great export. Timber, tobacco, and copra come next in our exports. In the former business the chief determining factor appears to be the course taken by Hong Kong rates of exchange. Tobacco is affected by the failure or otherwise of the Sumatra crop. Copra reacts to the world's chief markets. Trade in 1926 was satisfactory and indications for 1927 are not unfavourable.

Business seems to be pursuing an even course, and the general position can be regarded as sound, although calling for careful handling.

SHOULD CLERGY RETIRE?

CHURCH ASSEMBLY CONFLICT.

PARISH "ALIENS."

Flashes of humour enlivened some discussions and made two rows of bishops laugh at the second day of the autumn session of the Church Assembly at Church House, Westminster, S.W.

An elderly clergyman, the Rev. Robert Boggis, of Torquay, started a controversy by discussing the position of a retired clergyman who settles in a parish but is not allowed to be elected to the parochial church council because he is in Holy Orders. "Such a retired clergyman is treated as an alien," he said.

Canon T. A. Lacey, of Worcester, replied, amid applause and laughter.

There should be no such person as a retired clergyman. It is a lifelong vocation. It would be disastrous to encourage a state of things which is sadly familiar in certain places of pleasant retirement, or to encourage the idea that retirement from the ministry to take up the status of a layman is countenanced by the Church.

Retirement Encouraged.

Mr. Boggis retorted:

I gather that this assembly encourages such persons as retired clergymen by offering them pensions. Some of us feel that it would be well if there were more retired clergy than there are. (Laughter.)

Mr. Boggis is in the early sixties, while Canon Lacey is 74.

Mr. Boggis's amendment that retired clergy should sit on parochial councils was defeated.

A further amendment, moved by Canon A. G. Robinson, of Winchester, to permit persons in Holy Orders to attend the annual parochial meeting of enrolled electors, was carried.

POPULATION OF CEYLON.

5½ MILLIONS AT END OF 1926.

TWO EUROPEANS TO 643 SINHALESE.

The history of the vital statistics of Ceylon is comparatively recent, states the Registrar-General in his Administration report on Vital Statistics for 1926. The first Census after the British occupation was taken in 1824. The population was then numerated at 851,940 persons, but this cannot be regarded as a true estimate. The first regular Census was taken in 1871, when the population was estimated at 2,400,380. It had increased to 4,498,605 at the last Census (1921).

The birth rate of the country is increasing and the efforts made in the direction of reducing the mortality are reflected in the improved mortality rates. The first attempt to collect the vital statistics of Ceylon was made in 1867. Since then vast strides have been made.

Best System In the East.

The system of registration of births and deaths is unequalled in the East and compares favourably with the most advanced countries of the West. But in the registration of causes of death, much yet remains to be done. In the rural areas of the Island, where more than 80 per cent. of the people live, the causes of death expressed in vernacular terms are registered upon information supplied by laymen, and the terms are translated into their English equivalent in this office with care. But the diagnosis is not free from defect, and vague and indefinite terms are frequently met with.

Population.

The estimated population of the Island at the end of 1926 was 5,124,090 persons. The increase of population during the year was 115,489 representing a rate of 2 to 3 per cent. on the population at the end of 1925 and was made up of an excess of 82,004 births over deaths, and of 33,485 more arrivals than departures. The population of Ceylon is estimated to have increased by 626,385 persons since the last Census, or to the extent of 14 per cent. For the total increase in the population since the last Census, the gain by excess of births over deaths is 55 per cent., and 45 per cent. has been added by arrivals over departures.

The population of the principal races as estimated to the end of 1926 is shown below. Europeans 10,834; Burghers and Eurasians 32,029; Sinhalese 3,298,658; Tamils 1,164,427; Moors 297,051; Malays 14,723; Others 26,419.

SETTLEMENT IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

DEPARTURE OF MARRIED SOLDIERS.

LONDON, Nov. 13th.

Thirteen married soldiers, with their wives and families, and some single men, a total of 71, left Tilbury on Saturday for settlement in Western Australia under the Group Settlement Scheme. These families had been trained at the Army Vocational Training Centre, Catterick Camp, which has recently moved to Chiseldon Camp, in Wiltshire.

In the two years following the initiation of the scheme over 80 families had been so settled, and it was hoped that the scheme would steadily develop, complete family settlement being recognized as the soundest method of development for the Dominions. Last March, however, the scheme received a setback. Training and settlement had gone on steadily for two years, and it came as a shock to learn that the group then trained and ready to sail could not be accepted. A General Election in Western Australia was imminent, and a change of policy delayed the scheme. This will probably be the last Army group for Western Australia. In the circumstances there was no option for the Army authorities but to suspend training if the families could not be accepted when trained. Of the 30 families who were in training when the scheme was held up eight months ago, only 13 were available this November. Among the families who sailed on Saturday was one family with nine children, another with seven children, and another with six children. Several of the men had small pensions.

Owing to the uncertainty of group settlement in Australia training of married families for Australia has been suspended, and it is intended to pay greater attention to family settlement in Canada, which appears to have a more stable policy. Training for family settlement in Canada starts with the new courses at Chiseldon. Settlement of single men follows with the married men, and from reports sent to the centre by men who have settled in Canada, it appears that the larger portion of soldiers trained under the Army scheme will henceforth settle in Canada.

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MURDERER'S BITTER APPEAL.

WHILE JUDGE PUTS ON BLACK CAP.

CONDEMNED BY HIS CHILDREN'S EVIDENCE.

After John Thomas Dunn, a miner, aged 52, had been found guilty at Durham Assizes of the murder of his wife, Ada Elizabeth, at Sacriston on September 25th, and while Mr. Justice Roche was assuming the black cap, Dunn said:

After hearing little children giving evidence against their father, it is found that the law of this country is changed. It has been said that a little child shall lead them but we find today that a little child has condemned them.

In 1915 when the country called for men, I left my children behind. I was discharged. Under a false colour I went back again and said I had never been in. That was the courage of a man. I left the Army twice with a character. It is easy for a man to get a bad name. It is easy for a dog never to carry a name of goodness once its name is bad.

I have carried the burden of my children. I had a little girl blind. No one could have done more for her, and I thank God to-day, through hard work and toil, she can see. If she was standing beside me now she would give me a kiss of joy. I do not say I had a deceitful wife all through my life. She carried, like me, a weakness. It is a pity we ever met. She was led by other women and she found that her friends were her enemies.

My children, I appeal for you to-day! When Christ was crucified he looked up and said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." I forgive my children because they know not. God help them! God help me!

Faked Suicide.

The judge then passed sentence. One of Dunn's little boys ran out of the court into the street exclaiming, "My father is to be hanged." The police followed him and brought him back to the court.

Mr. Lowenthal, for the prosecution, alleged that Dunn strangled his wife with a rope and hung her dead body by a rope from pegs. He cut her down and ran outside exclaiming that she had committed suicide.

Richard Dunn, aged 11, said when he went to bed he heard his parents quarrelling. A stool overturned and then there was a choking noise.

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East Asia Bank	$62 nom.
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Union Insurance	$293 buy.
North China Ins.	Tls. 143 nom.
Yangtsze Insurance	M. $48½ buy.
China Underwriters	$1½ nom.
China Fire Insurance	$215 nom.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	$650 buy., 660 sa.
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Steamboats	$20½ buy.
H.K. Tugs	$1½ buy.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	$30 nom.
Do. (Def.)	$48 nom.
Shell Transports	90/- nom.
Waterboats	$17 buy.
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Kailan Mining Ad.	63/- sel.
Langkats (combined)	Tls. 18½ buy.
Do. (single)	Tls. 10 buy.
S'hai. Explorations	Tls. 2½ buy, 2.90 sel.
Shanghai Loans	Tls. 6.05 buy.
Banks	$32 nom.
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H.K. & K. Wharfs	$126 buy.
H.K. & W. Docks	$31 buy.
China Providents	$3.40 buy.
Hongkews	Tls. 158 buy.
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Shanghai Docks	Tls. 90 nom.
Ewo Cottons	Tls. 7.05 buy.
Orientals	Tls. 1½ nom.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	Tls. 46½ buy.
Do. (new)	Tls. 22½ buy.
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SHANGHAI DEFENCE FORCE.

DEBATE IN THE COMMONS ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE.

MOTION ADOPTED BY A LARGE MAJORITY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 14th.

In the House of Commons, in introducing a Supplementary Estimate for £3,090,000, the excess cost involved in the employment of extra troops in China, Commodore H. D. King said that the presence of the Shanghai Defence Force had undoubtedly had a steadying effect in China. The force had been reduced, but the whole of it could not be removed until a Chinese Government could assure us that it was able and willing adequately to protect Britons.

Troops' Excellent Behaviour.

Commodore King paid a glowing tribute to the tact and restraint of the troops, saying that they had lived up to the very highest traditions of the British Army notwithstanding uncomfortable living conditions and restricted opportunities for recreation. Their discipline had been excellent and their conduct most exemplary. Everything considered, the health of the troops had been satisfactory.

Shanghai's Contribution.

He mentioned that an estimate of the cost of sea transport amounted to £978,000. He proceeded to say that Britain might be grateful to the Shanghai Municipal Council for its substantial contribution towards the extra cost of billets, food, light and water used by one battalion engaged on internal security duties, and also for its exemption of the Shanghai Defence Force from Municipal taxation on occupied land and buildings; also for the free use of unoccupied land and buildings belonging to the Council. The estimates included the full maintenance and pay of the Indian contingent regarding which there had been some doubt.

Opposition.

Mr. C. P. Trevelyan (Labour) opposing the estimate, said that the House wanted to know how much longer the troops were going to stay and now many were there. He did not think that the health statistics revealed a good average and declared that Labour's prediction that the presence of troops would further embitter anti-British feelings and make the position of Britishers outside Shanghai worse had proved to be right. British trade had diminished for the same reason, although Chinese consumption had not decreased. It showed that Lancashire was being blockaded in Shanghai. The "unequal treaties" must go and the ports and cities ought to belong to the Chinese again.

Mr. J. S. Wardlaw Milne (Conservative) said that the presence of British troops in Shanghai had made it the Mecca of pilgrims seeking safety from many parts of China.

Who Should Pay?

Col. Wedgwood (Labour) asked whether the Foreign Office had envisaged the future to any extent or whether it was simply carrying on the futile and most expensive doctrine of "wait and see" in China. There had been civil war for twelve years and there was no sign of termination. He contended that if the occupation of Shanghai was considered necessary there ought to be definite conclusions whether the ratepayers here or the people to be protected in China should be asked to pay. He asked if it was impossible to organise an adequate police or defence force among the English foreigners in Shanghai, and also if the Government had any plans for obtaining co-operation among the western nations. America was far more inclined to look at China from our point of view than a year ago, and he considered that if England and America could agree then Japan would come into line.

Mr. Looker's Views.

Mr. H. W. Looker (Conservative) pointed out that Europeans in China for purely commercial purposes could not be expected to act in a double capacity. He suggested that the Washington Agreement should be recognised as having become obsolete and then the views of other Powers should be ascertained by one of our biggest and best-known men by direct contact with the countries concerned. Moderate opinion in China should also be consulted and suggestions of mutual assistance obtained. If these efforts failed, we should consider bringing the matter before the League of Nations.

"Wealthy Shanghai."

Commander Kenworthy (Labour) thought that we should induce Shanghai, which was "one of the wealthiest cities in the world for its size and practically paid no taxes" to contribute to the cost of the

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force, but Commodore King pointed out that it was an International Settlement and that we had no power to levy taxation.

Comdr. Kenworthy thought that the threat of withdrawing the force would soon make them put their hands in their pockets.

Mr. Lloyd George defended the despatch of the Defence Force to Shanghai but thought it might be wiser from a health point of view (even now) for the troops to be quartered in Hong Kong instead of Shanghai.

Unequal Treaties.

Mr. Locker-Lampson, for the Foreign Office, said that the Government entirely agreed that the unequal treaties had got to go and was merely awaiting somebody with whom it could negotiate. We had kept the United States, Japan, France and Italy aware of every development in our policy for the past two years and we had done our best to harmonise the views. This meant that the slowest set the pace and we were at present co-operating with the chief Powers at Peking with hopeful prospects with regard to the Bias Bay pirates. He pointed out the impracticability of referring the question of China to the League and said that at present the position in China appeared to be worse than a few months ago owing to the number of conflicting leaders and the changing, shifting scene. He accentuated the difficulties of our attempts to negotiate, and therefore the only solution was patience. We would withdraw the troops directly some kind of order was evolved and some sort of Government able to exercise some kind of control.

Waiting For An Established Authority.

Mr. Locker-Lampson disagreed with the suggestion that we ought to have a special agreement with Japan to settle the Chinese problem, for that would be contrary to the Washington Four-Power Treaty, and the other Washington Powers would have a justifiable grievance. We were prepared to grant China tariff autonomy and we had already granted her the Washington surtaxes, despite the opposition of practically all the Powers, especially Japan. We were prepared to surrender Weihaiwei directly we got somebody to negotiate with. The agreement had already been drawn up and we were simply waiting for an established authority to which to hand it.

Commodore King, in winding up the debate, said that when the reductions were completed, the troops would not exceed 13,000.

The estimate was adopted by 242 votes to 103.

FURTHER DETAILS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 14th.

In the course of his speech, Commodore King, Financial Secretary to the War Office, giving details of the composition of the Force which was sent to China, said that when the decreases which were decided on in July had taken effect the strength of the force remaining in China, in addition to the garrison, would be eight infantry battalions, of which five would be stationed at Shanghai, with the addition of supporting artillery and auxiliaries. It was impossible to forecast the future but conditions were always being carefully watched.

The whole force could not be removed until a government in China could assure us that it was both able and willing to give adequate protection to our nationals.

In dealing with riots and civil commotion the troops, under difficult conditions, had acted with the greatest tact and restraint and had lived up to the very highest traditions of the British Army Despite imperfect living conditions and few opportunities for training and recreation, the discipline of the troops had been excellent and their conduct most exemplary. The health of the troops had on the whole been satisfactory with the exception of an outbreak of pneumonia in the earlier months of occupation.

"SHOT" SPY SAID TO BE ALIVE.

BRITISH AGENT IN SOVIET HANDS.

RIGA, Nov. 18th.

Persistent rumours from Moscow state that Captain Sidney Reilly, the British intelligence officer who was declared to have been shot by the Cheka (Soviet Political Police) in 1925, is still alive.

It is declared that he was only wounded and that he was placed in prison, where he still remains.

It is alleged that the Cheka used every means, including torture, to force Captain Reilly to give information concerning the British Intelligence Service. It is stated that Reilly was forced at length to yield some information concerning secret British activities in Russia, and that he revealed certain facts which disclosed secret organisations of White Russians.

Information obtained from Captain Reilly is alleged to have been used as evidence in a number of spy trials in Moscow and Leningrad.

It is stated that the Soviet police continue their endeavours to extort information concerning the British Intelligence Service from Captain Reilly.

LONDON'S STEEL BUILDINGS.

GREAT CHANGES IN PROGRESS.

GEORGIAN HOUSES VANISHING.

WESTWARD MOVE.

London is being modernized as fast as steel frames can be erected, and in ten years' time the Metropolis will have changed almost completely its present aspect.

In the next five years the City of London will spend on improvements more than she has spent in the past 175 years.

The immediate building programme is estimated to cost £60,000,000. When to this is added the projected new roads and bridges scheme of the Royal Commission on Cross-River Traffic, which is to cost £27,000,000, and other important rebuildings, the total mounts to well over £100,000,000.

At the present moment there are more than 50 new undertakings being, or about to be, carried out, and not one of them is costing less than £100,000, says the *Westminster Gazette*.

Vanishing Styles.

Street after street in Central London is being replaced by these structures. The disappearance of Georgian and Regency houses, of ancient squares and courtyards, may be lamentable, but there is no denying the vital beauty that is being created to-day out of steel and stone by world-famous architects.

In this revolution a great part is being played by the banks. These might be said to be transforming the City with their new headquarters. Stores and insurance offices are doing much also.

As for the suburbs, 20 new cinemas, projected or begun, will have a considerable effect.

A list of some of the buildings now going up or about to be started, and their estimated cost, indicates the scope of the transformation:

Bank of England	£5,000,000
Generation Station, Chiswick	2,000,000
Spitalfields Market	2,500,000
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Midland Bank, Cheapside	1,500,000
Flats on Grosvenor House site, Park-lane	1,500,000
Wings for Bush House	400,000
Imperial Chemical Industries Building, Millbank	900,000
Victoria Dock-road	3,000,000
New Lambeth Bridge	1,000,000

Westward Move.

In its movement westward commerce may leave, during the next 20 years, only a few sheltered streets in Mayfair as a relic of the residential fame of that district. Buckingham Palace itself may become isolated in a ring of offices, shops, and hotels.

Incidentally this westward movement is causing the resuscitation of Belgravia, a district that had never lost a certain distinction and attractiveness with those who valued quiet streets and dignified squares. Here, settlers from Mayfair are seeking new homes.

More People.

In the City the advent of higher buildings is increasing the daily floating population. The new buildings are many times larger than the old, and thousands more people are being accommodated.

It is strange that all these changes are individual and haphazard. None of them, with the exception of the bridges scheme, has been planned with an eye to London as a whole. The effect, to some extent, is that the more London changes the more it remains the same thing.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TWO ORDINANCES PASSED.

FOUR NEW BILLS READ A FIRST TIME.

H.M. THE KING'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNCIL'S SYMPATHY.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon four new Ordinances were introduced and read a first time. The Ordinance amending the Magistrates Ordinance, 1890, and the Ordinance to provide for the formation, establishment and regulation of the Hong Kong Police Reserve were passed.

H.E. the Governor presided and there were also present H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General C. C. Luard), the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax), the Attorney-General (Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp), the Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer), the Director of Public Works (Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackman), the Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North), the Captain Superintendent of Police (Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe), the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes and the Deputy Clerk of Councils (Mr. E. W. Hamilton).

Prior to the commencement of the routine business the Colonial Secretary read the following letter which had been received from the Secretary of State:—

"I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 28th October, transmitting an expression of sympathy with the King and Queen and the Royal Family from the members of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong on the death of the Marquess of Cambridge.

"I am commanded by H.M. the King to ask you to convey to the members of the Legislative Council Their Majesties grateful thanks for the kind message of sympathy."—Signed: W. Ormsby Gore.

NEWSPAPER ORDINANCE.

The Attorney-General moved the first reading of "An Ordinance to regulate the printing of newspapers and the keeping and use of printing presses." He said: The Press performs a very useful and important function in making themselves acquainted with the details of new legislation and in passing on that information to the public and I have no doubt, that they will make themselves acquainted with the details of this Bill which affects them and other printers in a peculiar degree and only affects the general public indirectly. It is, therefore, I think unnecessary to say much about the details of this Bill and I propose to confine myself to two general questions dealt with in it.

Clause 5 of the Bill, which deals with the licensing of printing presses, gives power for the first time to refuse a license to keep a printing press. It also gives power for the first time to cancel a printing press license already granted. If the Captain Superintendent of Police refuses a license to keep a printing press there is an appeal open to the applicant to the Governor-in-Council. The power to cancel a printing press license already issued lies with the Governor-in-Council. I think that in these days of lying and often mercenary propaganda by persons who are attacking our civilisation and are bent on producing disorder, it is just as well to have these exceptional powers.

The other general point to which I referred is the question of requiring a bond from the publisher of a newspaper. The law at present is that every publisher of a newspaper must give a bond in the sum of $1,200 conditioned on two things; one that he will pay any fine that may be imposed on him upon any conviction for libel, and, secondly, that he will pay all damages awarded against him in any action for libel against the newspaper and the costs of such action. That is not being re-introduced in the present Bill for this reason. The amount of the bond is quite insufficient to cover the probable costs and damages in any libel action. It is quite conceivable the costs alone would far exceed that amount. It would be difficult to fix a reasonable sum which would cover what might be the costs and damages in a serious libel action. As far as security for payment of a fine is concerned a bond seems unnecessary because if the fine is not paid the person upon whom it is imposed can be arrested and imprisoned, or a distress warrant can be issued and the goods of the newspaper seized. In the case of any substantial newspaper there is no doubt that the fine would be forthcoming. If the fine was not forthing the probable result would be that the obnoxious newspaper would close its doors and the persons concerned would disappear, which would be, perhaps, a very good result in the circumstances.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a first time.

PRISONS ORDINANCE.

The Attorney-General moved the first reading of An Ordinance to amend the Prisons Ordinance, 1899. He said: This Bill will not make, I think, any substantial change in the law. It is rather a Bill to remove doubt. It makes it clear, for example, that there is power to set apart a ward in the Government Civil Hospital as a prison for prisoners who cannot properly be treated in the prison hospital; it makes it clear that there is full power to move prisoners from one prison to another and from a prison to hospital and back again; it also makes clear the provision of the principal Ordinance relating to the introduction and use in prisons of prohibited articles such as liquor, opium and tobacco.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a first time.

VOLUNTEER ORDINANCE.

The Attorney-General moved the first reading of An Ordinance to amend further the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920. He said: This Bill makes a number of amendments in the principal Ordinance, but some of them are questions of detail rather than of principle. The chief thing which led to the drafting of this Bill was the decision to form a number of auxiliary units to be attached to the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. The proposed units are a supplementary Reserve Company to consist of men who have attained the age of 50 years; an Army Service Corps Cadre; a Lights Section Cadre and a Reserve of Officers. The members of these four auxiliary units will not be required to undergo any training, but will be available for service in case of emergency when they are called out. The Bill also provides that when the three years service for which a Volunteer joins in the first instance comes to an end he is still under an obligation, if he wishes to quit the corps, to give the same notice of 14 days which he would have to give during his three years period. There is some doubt on that point at present, but now it is made clear that even after the expiration of the three years course a Volunteer must give notice of his intention to quit the corps. The Bill also provides that the sum of $25 which a person has to pay if he fails to make himself efficient in any year will not be payable in three classes of cases. In the first place no one will be liable to forfeit this sum after reaching the age of 40 years. In the second place no one will be liable who has become efficient in three years whether these three years are consecutive or not, and in the third place, if a volunteer, as may often happen, has to leave the corps for perfectly reasonable causes the power is given to the Commandant to exempt such a person from any liability to pay a fine of $25, providing that the person has a good reason for quitting the corps and has used reasonable diligence in undergoing the annual training up to the time of his leaving.

The Bill also provides the necessary power to order any officer or volunteer to attend at volunteer headquarters or elsewhere any court martial or court of enquiry or for any other special purpose which may appear proper to the Commandant. Anyone who fails, without reasonable cause, to comply with that order is liable to a fine recoverable before a magistrate. It seems obvious that if a court martial or court of enquiry is to be held there must be power to require attendance of witnesses and others. Any civil court would have that power and these courts martial should have it too. There may be also other special cases in which the power will be necessary.

Perhaps I might refer here to the regulations which it is proposed to make when this Bill is passed. The draft of the regulations has been published in the *Gazette*. They contain provisions relating to the members of the auxiliary units, and they also comprise two things which I think may be of some interest. In the first place volunteers who have been declared efficient in three years have to undergo only a modified training. In the second place men who have served in His Majesty's regular forces or in the Volunteer Defence force in Hong Kong or in His Majesty's Dominions or in certain other forces mentioned in the regulations will not, on joining the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, be treated as recruits.

H.E. The General Officer Commanding the Troops seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

RAILWAYS ORDINANCE.

The Attorney-General moved the first reading of An Ordinance to amend the Railways Ordinance, 1909. He said: This again is a Bill which deals almost entirely, or very largely, at least, with questions of detail. The drafting of some new railway regulations showed the desirability of this Bill. When those new regulations came to be drafted it was found that the powers in the principal Ordinance were in a rather peculiar condition. One section gives the Governor-in-Council power to make regulations and one section only. That power is confined entirely to making regulations relating to the procedure to be followed in the case of accident. For all the other regulations the power is taken away from the Governor-in-Council in the principal Ordinance and given elsewhere. For example, Section 34 which is a special section all to itself, gives the Manager power, subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council, to fix the maximum number of passengers that may be carried in any carriage in any particular compartment. That seems scarcely a matter requiring a section to itself. Section 35 gives the Manager power to, made by-laws to regulate the conduct of servants of the railway. Section 32 gives him certain powers for making rules, subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council. Many of these powers are set out in detail, but many other necessary powers are not mentioned at all. Another objection is that in certain cases it would appear that the Manager, before exercising the necessary power, would have to make a rule to be approved by the Governor-in-Council. He might have to do that before he could spend any money or alter the speed to be observed by the rolling stock on the railway. Accordingly the present Bill collects the regulations dealing with powers into one section and gives the power to the Manager subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council. It also expressly gives the Manager power to do certain acts which do not seem to require any rule to be made before that power is exercised. It specifies exactly what he can do without making any rules and what his powers are to make rules.

The Bill also increases the penalty for various offences under the Ordinance. I think a very cursory glance at the principal Ordinance will show in many cases that fines are much too low. For example $20 seems far too low a maximum for an attempt to defraud the railway administration. Fines are generally raised. All fines are of maximum level to those applied in similar cases in our Ordinances.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a first time.

Council adjourned until next Thursday.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee followed the Council meeting, the Colonial Secretary presiding.

Votes amounting to $10,491, of which details were given in yesterday's *Daily Press*, were approved.

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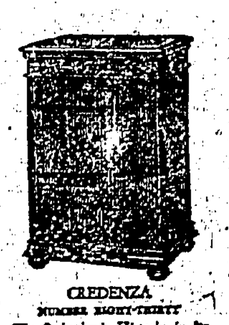

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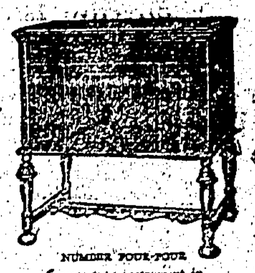

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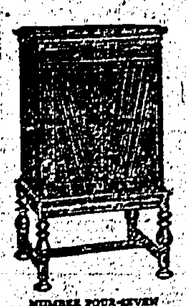

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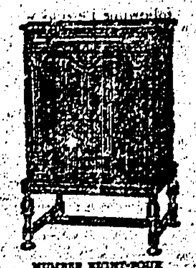

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CANTON'S MESSAGE TO THE WORLD.

"UNDER THE INSTIGATION OF THE RUSSIAN SOVIET CONSUL."

CHANG FAT FUI AND THREE OTHER GENERALS RESIGN.

OVER A THOUSAND ARRESTS.

SOVIET VICE-CONSUL SHOT; CONSUL ARRESTED?

We have received the following message which the Canton Government is addressing by telegram to the world and are pleased to give it the publication which they ask:—

Under the instigation and direction of the Russian Soviet Consul in Canton, on the night of December 10th, 1927, the Communists together with local bandits and some few disloyal soldiers ransacked the City of Canton, setting fire to important business sections, occupying administrative offices, robbing, raping and murdering.

The Government of Canton, on the night of December 12th, with the Revolutionary Army under the leadership of Chang Fah-hui, Huang Chi-chang, Li Fu-lin, Hsueh Au and Chu Hui-yet successfully and completely defeated and destroyed Communism in Canton.

Peace and order were restored on the following day.

THE CANTON GOVERNMENT, CHINA.

RUSSIAN VICE-CONSUL EXECUTED?

According to information gathered yesterday evening from passengers arriving here by boat from Canton, among the Russians executed yesterday was the Russian Vice-Consul. The Russian Consul-General has been arrested and is being tried. He will probably be shot to-day.

Passengers arriving from Canton by the river steamers also report that the wreckage in Canton as a result of the fighting and pillaging is indescribable. No one who has not seen it has the remotest idea of the conditions.

Our Shameen correspondent fully corroborates this opinion.

The *coup* was really planned for December 15th but was discovered and the leaders made their attempt five days before their plans were completed, says our Chinese correspondent. The number of arrests in Canton numbers over 1,000. "We must be harsh," said an officer of Li Fook Lam's army to a *Daily Press* representative yesterday.

CHANG FAT FUI DISMISSED.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION.

WHY THE GREAT PLOT FAILED.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

By order of the Political Council, now governing Canton, four members of the Military Council—Mr. Chan Kung Pok, General Chang Fat Fui, General Wong Kie Cheung, and General Chu Fai Yat—were dismissed yesterday from all offices. The cause was stated to be their failure to foresee the "Red" *coup* and inability to take proper action when the attempt was discovered.

As these four officials practically constitute the Political and Military Council in Canton, this action is a self-inflicted punishment.

General Mau Pei Nan will succeed General Wong Kie Cheung as commander-in-chief of the 4th Army and Mr. Li Long Yu is to be Commissioner of Police to succeed General Chu Fai Yat.

All labour unions who have harboured "Reds" were closed yesterday. During the last two days, over 150 "Reds" were summarily executed.

Mr. Lee Yat, Commissioner of Public Health in Canton, was shot yesterday as a "Red."

A committee of citizens has been organized to hunt down the "Reds."

General Chang Fat Fui and others are urging General Chen Chiung Ming to come out of his retirement to assist in the work of reconstruction. It is feared that General Chen will not consent until General Li Tsai Hsin and in fact all leaders of parties struggling for supremacy in Kwangtung will join in the invitation.

MENACE FROM KWANGSI MILITARISTS.

The Kwangsi clique are hastening their attack on the City. Troops commanded by General Chen Ming Shu from Foochow, Fukien, arrived at Swatow on Thursday and will co-operate with General Wong Shiu Hung and General Chen Chang Po who are expected to march on Canton from Wuchow and Kongmoon.

Mr. Chen Shih Jen, Mr. Kan Nei Kuang, and other members of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee who have been representing the Kwangtung party of the Kuomintang, are expected shortly at Hong Kong from Shanghai. Their arrest as "Reds" has been ordered by Nanking party and the Canton Government is asking the Hong Kong Authorities to detain them upon their arrival.

1,000 ARRESTS.

Yesterday afternoon, the number of "Red" suspects arrested in pro-Bolshevist labour union headquarters reached the thousand mark. Scores of them have been summarily shot by the Police. So far no well known "Red" or highly placed Kuomintang patrons of the "Red" movement has been taken into custody.

WHY THE RED PLOT FAILED.

BLOW STRUCK 5 DAYS TOO SOON.

The *coup d'etat* was to have been effected yesterday (December 15th) but the plot was discovered. Sections of the Army, the labour unions, and student groups, who had agreed to take part were called to send their forces to meet on Saturday evening at Lung-Ngan-Tung in the north-east of Canton City. The first attack came from that direction but they were checked by loyal troops.

The main struggle in the City was around the General Police Headquarters near the First Public Garden. Two mutinous regiments of the 4th Army Corps led the attack, and they were about the only well organized and equipped forces the rest being union pickets or students.

The "Reds" had complete control of the City on Monday, and at noon that day, they inaugurated their "Soviet Government."

There were not many cases of outrages against women but the poorer classes of workers, especially the unemployed and the homeless, took the "Soviet Government" boasts at face value and ransacked many houses in the banking and jewellery districts. These "Reds" have been quick to discard their red arm-bands and neckties and to slink back to work, hoping they were not noticed.

Conservative estimates place the dead in Canton City (excluding fighting on the outskirts) at between 500 and 600, and houses destroyed are about 3,000 in 25 to 30 places.

The acting Chief Justice of the Canton City Court and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tsen Cho Shan, were murdered by the "Reds" during the attack on public buildings; and the deed was committed by some of his former students in the Law Department of Sun Yat Sen University.

BITTER HATRED AGAINST "REDS."

VENGEANCE ON RUSSIANS.

CANTON STREETS STREWN WITH DEAD.

[FROM A SHAMEEN CORRESPONDENT.]

SHAMEEN, Dec. 13th.

I was an eye-witness of the attack made by Li Fuk Lam's troops on Tuesday morning. The gunboats played a decisive part and it was under cover of their fire that troops were rushed over from Honam in steam launches. They were landed at two points, to the East and West extremities of the Bund and were thus able to surround large numbers of the Reds, whose resistance was broken by 11 a.m.

Some bullets flew in the direction of the French Concession but the place was heavily guarded, by French soldiers and no incident occurred.

At about 2 p.m. I took a walk round the City. Dead bodies were lying at every street corner and practically every door was smashed. Hardly a house in this district had escaped the looters. I found a huddled group of young girls lying dead in the streets as though killed simultaneously by a volley from the troops. A group of bedraggled police were assembling; some had caps, others tunics and for quite a number a belt was the only badge of office. They were armed with sticks, spears and pieces of old iron. As I passed an alarm was raised, and with a great shout the whole troop set out in pursuit of a man who started running desperately. He was quickly overtaken and killed.

I took another stroll later, and between the French bridge and the Bank of Central China I counted thirty bodies, most of them in front of the latter building whose walls were pitted with shell holes and bullet marks. In front of Wing On's there was a veritable shambles.

HUNTING FOR RUSSIANS.

The process of rounding up the Reds is going on. Many Chinese declare that they saw Russians directing the Reds during the "terror" and that the Russian Consulate was a hive of activity the whole time. A vigorous search for Russians is going on in hotels and restaurants, and six have been arrested including a woman of unusual height. The Mechanics' Union is under strong suspicion and a number of its members have been arrested.

A MYSTERIOUS SHIP.

A mysterious ship flying the Japanese flag entered the harbour on Saturday and is anchored off Honam spit. She is said to have come straight from Hankow and to have on board 1,100 troops formerly in service with Tang Seng Chi. Li Fuk Lam is said to be making vigorous enquiries about the ship and how she came to get in unnoticed.

The people are cowed and miserable. None more than the goldsmith's, some of whom were seen pathetically searching the mud for any fragments dropped by the looters. Hardly a ricksha or a car is seen in the streets. The whole place has a silent and battered look.

All is quiet on the Shameen.

DEAD BODIES CARTED AWAY.

CANTON, Dec. 14th.

Since posting my last letter I have been to the Wing Hon Maloo. Bunches of dead bodies were being tied together and carted away. The fires have destroyed about a thousand houses, and in some of them charred bodies could be seen in the debris. The destruction of life and property here is appalling. I saw the City police taking off many well clad men and some young women, with hands tied behind their backs, to the police station.

HATRED OF SOVIET AND REDS.

Two Russians were shot near the Municipal Office on the Bund and later some five Russians and one woman were also shot. I heard that when these Russians were taken, people in the street clapped their hands and seemed delighted. The name "Soviet" or "Reds" is anathema to the Chinese. At the very mention of the names they curse them.

At about 8 o'clock p.m., reports of machine guns and rifles were heard coming from the Wong Sha side. At this the sampans and big cargo-boats showed alarm and began to scurry away and there was some excitement on Shameen.

British and French soldiers hastened to their posts and were ready for any emergency but all was quiet in half an hour.

Passengers going on board ships are rigorously searched and their belongings opened.

CANTON OFFICER'S STORY.

CHU FAI YAT WARMLY PRAISED.

"WE SHALL HAVE TO BE HARSH."

500 EXECUTIONS ALREADY.

When the s.s. *Lungshan* came in from Canton yesterday afternoon, there walked onto the wharf among some 800 passengers, an officer of Li Fuk Lam's Army. He was interviewed at a Chinese hotel by a *Daily Press* representative, to whom he told a graphic story of "Red" terrorism and its aftermath.

"Before I tell you about the hectic time we have passed through, I must clap my hands (a Chinese idiom) in praise of the bravery of Chu Fai Yat, the Police Commissioner of Canton. He was in the thick of the fighting against the Reds and it is largely through his bravery that Canton is once more free from the horde who have done their best to destroy the city.

"Probably your paper heard the rumour that Chu Fai Yat was killed on Sunday morning when the Reds captured the Police Station. Like the brave man he is he put up a great resistance, even when a 'Red' had the muzzle of his revolver against our venerable Chu's stomach. He was wounded, but only very slightly, and fled to Honam, and there in co-operation with Wong Kie Cheung, he made a huge drive against the Reds the next day, and partly re-captured Canton for us.

No Molestation Of Foreigners.

"It would take two or three days to tell you everything that has taken place in Canton the last few days. While the Reds were in power, no one's life was safe. Looting and outrages against persons and property were the order of the day. But one thing must be said for the Reds in Canton city proper. They never made the slightest attempt to molest foreigners. But in the suburbs things were different. The Reds, who have always been dead against foreign missionaries, availed themselves of their opportunity to loot and destroy the property of these missionaries. In this connection, we Chinese admired the pluck of the British Consul who, without considering his own safety, made a plucky and successful attempt to get the missionaries out of Tung Shan.

"Now that Canton is once more in the hands of the Government troops, it must not be thought that everything is normal. We still have much to do to exterminate the Reds, and in carrying out this honourable task (Chinese euphuism, again), we will have to be harsh. Only yesterday we held three separate executions. In the first ten Russians were shot. We have no mercy for such men. We afforded them shelter when their own country would not have them, and this is what we get in return.

The Executions.

"We so far executed over 500 Reds, among whom were many young 'bobbed hair' girls. These (an angry growl) were the worst trouble-makers using their wiles to win men over to their side.

"This morning when I boarded the *Lungshan* at the wharf at West Bund, I saw from the top deck about fifty persons arrested. These men tried to board the *Lungshan* for Hong Kong, but our men were at the wharf searching all passengers. They made them take their jackets off to see whether they had any marks around their necks. When the Reds held the city, many men wore red bands around their necks, and the red cloth has in many cases left a tell tale stain.

"The fate of these men was a foregone conclusion. They will all be shot, probably they had been executed by the time the *Lungshan* had left."

Asked as to whether the Reds would ever come into power again, our informant said that there should be no fear of that. The Government had had a lesson and they will benefit by it. Henceforth Canton will keep a watchful eye on all her citizens, and suspected Reds will be shot without trial.

Our informant also said that the Reds had also tried to take Fatshan on Wednesday night at about 7 p.m., but 600 men from Li Fuk Lam's Army were rushed by train to Fatshan under the command of Sit Ngok. More troops were ready to go at a moment's notice, and he was inclined to believe that the Reds had already been suppressed.

Six Arrests From The "Lungshan."

The usual posse of Police was at the wharf yesterday afternoon when the *Lungshan* tied up here. A strict search was carried out among the passengers, and six suspected Reds were arrested and found to be in possession of incriminating badges and documents. All the arrested persons were wearing caps similar to those worn by jockeys, but in plain colour. It was thought that the cap was regarded as a "uniform."

SAFEGUARDING HONG KONG.

HUNDREDS UNDER ARREST.

RIFF-RAFF OF CANTON.

MANY WILL BE SENT BACK.

Comparitively few arrests were made by the police yesterday, the work of rounding up suspects having been more or less completed on Thursday. Both the regular force and police reserves are on the alert and rigorously searching all passengers on boats arriving from Canton.

At present, including local detentions, and those taken in charge from Canton, there are over 200 suspected characters at police headquarters. Statements are being taken, and the majority of the undesirables will be deported from the Colony. A batch was reported to have been sent back to Canton last night.

Huge crowds still gather at the waterfront and stand there for hours, awaiting the arrival of boats, and watching the search proceedings.

When the *Fatshan* berthed on Wednesday night, 22 arrests were made. Most of these people were thought to be ricksha coolies in Canton. Among them was a young man who claimed he was a student of Chung Shan University, and another man said he was a member of the Hotel Guild. One man taken in charge was found to have over $2,000 on him. When asked how he came to have this large sum, he replied that he was a Canton policeman, and was previously employed at the Provincial Treasury. He was taken to the Central Police Station with the others.

From the *Sai On* and *Paul Beau*, 141 suspects were rounded up and those from the *Sai On* numbered 106. For the most part they were a very shabby crowd, speaking the *Hoklo* dialect. They were detained as suspected ricksha coolies from Canton. The ricksha coolies are said to have been responsible for the massacre of the Canton Police, and for setting fire to many buildings.

Some of the suspects claimed to be students from the Kwok Man University, Canton, who were coming down to Hong Kong to see Chan Ki Woon (who is known as a famous "Red" in Hankow).

One man was picked out as being an official of the Peasant and Civilian Co-operation Association in San Wui.

Another man was pointed out as being the Secretary of the 4th Army, and noted for writing and preparing propaganda and placards.

There were half-a-dozen arrests made on the *Lungshan* when she arrived yesterday afternoon, and *Yuet On* was also searched, but there were no suspects found on her.

In addition a number of seditionists agitators are in custody.

Last night more arrests were made on the river steamers.

PRECAUTIONS ON THE BORDER.

There were strong rumours afloat last evening that there has been or was likely to be trouble on the border in view of the retreat of "Red" troops before the Nationalist soldiers.

Although no official confirmation is to hand as to any clash at the border, the Scots Guards and Queen's Royal Regiment, who are encamped in the New Territories, are on the *qui vive*.

Later reports stated that a number of Red troops had been looting in Chinese territory quite near Sam Chun.

KONGMOON SAILINGS.

The full service of river steamer to Kongmoon has not yet been resumed, but will be in a day or two. The *Anjon* sailed for Kongmoon last evening, and the *Wing On* is going to-day, it is understood. Meanwhile the other steamers remain at the local wharves, where they have been since the labour trouble started at Kongmoon. The *San Nam Hoi* and the *On Lee*, whose crews deserted at Kong moon are obtaining fresh crews here and will then go on the run again.

RIVER STEAMERS RUNNING AS BEFORE.

The river steamers are now running as before, and are going alongside their wharves at Canton. The s.s. *Lungshan*, commanded by Captain G. H. Madden, was the first boat to do so. She left Hong Kong on Wednesday and berthed at Canton the same day.

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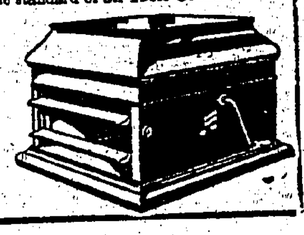

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NOTICE.

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ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

6TH JANUARY, 1928.

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By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, DECEMBER 16TH, 1927.

PEOPLE HAVE THE GOVERNMENT THEY DESERVE.

WHILE the fighting men of Canton are tending their wounds after the bloodthirsty upheaval of the last few days, it will be well for the civilian population, and in particular, men of substance to take to heart the lesson of the revolt. It is the trading and the manufacturing classes who have made Canton a great city, and without them it must revert to a few muddy villages. It is they who must determine its destiny, and this can only be done by their active participation in its affairs—its government, policing and defence. No doubt it will be urged that this is not the Chinese way; that the Cantonese in particular prefers to work by agents and deputies whom he directs and pays by commission. Unfortunately that method does not succeed in politics. "A set of poor tapsters and town apprentices would never fight like men of honour," said CROMWELL three centuries ago and his words are applicable to Canton. The city needs, again to quote the Lord Protector, "the man who knows what he fights for, and loves what he knows." The Cantonese have been paying the penalty of letting other people manage their affairs.

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The rule even of so earnest a patriot as Dr. SUN YAT SEN was from Canton's point of view a dismal failure. Dr. SUN put the Republic of China far above the interests of Canton. He used the city as an instrument to further his ideals, and when its people demurred, they were forcibly suppressed and their own volunteer organisation, which alone could give effect to their wishes, was proscribed and its members slaughtered by hired troops. Since then the city has known the tyranny of Dr. SUN'S Yunnanese mercenaries; the usurpation of BORODIN and his gang of Russians, who, under a cloak of social revolution were furthering Muscovite imperialism; the spasmodic violence of the Trade Unions and strike pickets; the boycott of her business and economic partner, Hong Kong.

There has been the burden of the Northern Expedition whose blaze of initial military glory has long expired, though the heavy drain on the revenue continued till a few months ago. Not one of these but was measured in loss and ruin to the civilian population. The vast majority of citizens in any country are neither revolutionaries nor militarists but people who want to get on with their business. But unless a civilian population will bestir itself, unless the young men will sacrifice some of their time to the tedious business of military training, unless the older men will actively assist the government, or at least the guilds and associations designed to bring pressure upon the salaried officials, the forces either of officialdom or of sheer disorder will take control and exploit the whole population. Since the spring of this year there have been three revolutionary uprisings. For a time General LI TSAI HSIN imposed comparatively good government and tackled manfully the problem of suppressing the unions and disbanding the boycott pickets. Repeated attempts were made upon his life, the support of the city was cold because he was guilty of Kwangsi "nationality" and aimed at the union of the two provinces. Finally he was ousted by CHANG FAT FUI and his "Ironsides." Now CHANG FAT FUI has plaintively apologised for a dereliction of duty that has resulted in three days of terrorism with thousands homes in ruin and an enormous toll of human life.

The people of Canton can hardly feel pleased with the Government whose slogan was "Canton for the Cantonese." From the first it has been bent upon unnecessary military commitments and it has neglected the primary duty of securing the capital against the forces of disorder. In a well ordered country there would be a vigorous enquiry into the conduct of those responsible. The *Kuo Min* news agency was issuing a warning at least two days before the uprising. The very fact that the city was denuded of troops should have called for special vigilance. In Honam the alert governor was not only able to save his own district but to him seems the chief credit for the recapture of what others had lost.

There has been talk of reviving the Volunteer Movement, but until there is more than talk Canton will continue to suffer from the turmoils that have characterised the last few years.

A Chinese case of enteric was reported from the Victoria district on Wednesday.

A case of canine rabies was reported from the New Territories on Wednesday.

A meeting of St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club will be held at the Cathedral Hall this evening, at 8.30.

The Hong Kong Art Club Exhibition was well attended by picture lovers during the two days it remained open.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Frederic Hazel Pentycross, widower and banker, of No. 357, The Peak, to Miss Una McLean Gubbins, c/o Dr. I. Newton, Kowloon Hospital.

A Chinese who attempted to alight from a moving tram-car received serious injuries to his head and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital. The accident happened outside the Seamen's institute.

Draft programmes and entry forms for the annual race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, to be held on February 13th, 14th, and 16th, are now ready, and may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Amongst the passengers who arrived from Home by the Blue Funnel liner *Antenor* yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sherry, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. T. A. Robertson, Mr. R. S. Greenamith, Capt. and Mrs. Riggs, Mrs. C. R. Shaw, Miss Shaw, and Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Currie.

Capt. J. Charnock, B.A., will move, and Mrs. J. Faid will second, the motion "That Young Men and Women to-day are less Serious than they were 25 years ago," at St. Peter's Church Y.M. Club next Monday evening, at 8.30. The opposition will be led by Miss E. Couch, and Mr. C. K. Ong, of the Hong Kong University.

There was put up for sale at Messrs. Lammert Brothers Auction Rooms, Duddell Street, yesterday afternoon, by order of the mortgagee, a leasehold property, known as Nos. 1 and 2, Ellenbud Villas, Pokfulam. The upset price was $12,000, but as there was no advance, the property was withdrawn from the market.

The second annual dinner-dance of the Hong Kong Automobile Association will be held this evening at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden. Special menus and programmes have been prepared, and a large number of guests are expected to be present. The dinner begins at 8 p.m., and the function continues until 12.30.

Yesterday a debate was held at the Y.M.C.A. Kowloon on the motion, "It World Peace Possible?" The debate was carried on before an almost empty house and possibly this had a bad effect upon the speaking. At any rate, the speeches were below the level of the average Y.M.C.A. meeting. It is hoped that better support will be accorded future events of this kind.

Home mail, letters only, *viâ* Negapatam arrived yesterday on the Blue Funnel liner *Antenor*. The total mail landed here was 207 bags, of which 78 bags were for Hong Kong, including 62 bags of mail from the United Kingdom. Papers of the same date, November 17th, *viâ* Negapatam, are due on the *Takliwa* on Monday next. There is a Home and Europe mail *viâ* Siberia is due to-day on the *Hakozaki Maru*.

HONG KONG TO CO-OPERATE.

CANTON RELIEF WORK PROBLEMS.

COMMITTEE OF SIX SET OUT THIS MORNING.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Several members of the General Chamber of Commerce of Canton are to be invited to take over certain departments of the Administration.

Relief work and emergency measures must now be taken regardless of party, and there is a possibility of Chinese merchants in Canton, Macao, and Hong Kong getting together to administrate relief funds, without regard to any purely political struggles that may go on in the City.

The 24 Chinese Trade Guilds of Hong Kong are to co-operate with the Tung Wah Hospital and the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce in relief work for Canton war refugees in Hong Kong and sufferers in Canton.

Inadequate provision for the burial of the dead, for those rendered homeless, for orphans and widows who are left unprovided for, shortage of food and a greatly depreciated currency are problems facing relief committees. The catastrophe is the worst seen in Canton for the last three years.

A committee of six headed by Mr. Lee Hoi Tung, Chairman of Tung Wah Hospital, and Mr. Ip Lan Chuan, General Secretary of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, will depart for Canton this morning to study the conditions there before taking action for relief work in Canton.

CHINESE STEAMER ATTACKED.

FIRED ON BY REDS.

It would appear, as suggested yesterday, that the Chinese *Mao Lee* was like the Norwegian vessel fired on by stragglers from the "Reds," and that it was not a case of attempted piracy.

The *Mao Lee* left Hong Kong at 9 a.m. on Wednesday for Canton, and from messages received by the local agents, Messrs. Yee Tai Hong, 156, Wing Lok Street, it seems that the steamer was fired upon before reaching Whampoa.

The skipper was advised by radio, after he had sent out a message asking for the assistance of a gunboat, to forward a request for naval help to the Canton authorities

CORRESPONDENCE.

TRANSFER OF FOREIGNERS FROM TUNGSHAN.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—With reference to the transfer of foreigners from Tungshan to Shameen by H.M.S. *Moorhen* on the 13th instant, it will no doubt interest your readers to know that this Company's motor boat *Seung-kong* accompanied the *Moorhen* to assist in the transfer. The motor boat was manned by its usual Chinese crew but was in charge of a member of our staff, Mr. W. G. Gerrard. The boat was fired on and was hit several times, the petrol pipe being pierced and the armour plate dented in several places. Luckily, however, no one was hit.

Mr. Gerrard is well-known in Hong Kong as he is the son of Assistant Superintendent Gerrard of the Police, who has been in Hong Kong for so many years.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. BELL,
The Asiatic Petroleum Co. (S.C.), Ltd.
Hong Kong, December 15th, 1927.

NO SALE.

$117,000 PROPERTY IN HONG KONG.

Apart from property in the United States and in China, a Chinese who died in the United States last year has left a fairly large estate in Hong Kong.

Probate of the will of Dong Toy, late of San Francisco, California, merchant, who died at the Dante Sanatoroum, San Francisco, on October 15th, 1926, has been granted to Chin Shee, his widow and executrix, of No. 22A, Kennedy Road.

Estate is Hong Kong is valued at $117,400.

SEDITIOUS LEAFLETS.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday morning, at the Central Magistracy, a Chinese was charged with being in possession of and with distributing seditious leaflets.

The man pleaded guilty to the charge of possession, but explained that he intended to throw away the leaflets. He added that he was given two dollars by a stranger to distribute the leaflets, but because he knew it was against the law, he accepted the money and intended to throw away the literature.

The Magistrate adjourned the hearing until Monday next at noon, in order that a proper translation could be made of the leaflet.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6.30 p.m., states:—

The anti-cyclone has weakened. Moderate monsoon may be expected along the coast of China and over the China Sea.

Local Forecast: E. winds, moderate, fine.

BARABBAS.

[WITH PROFOUND APOLOGIES TO MY LEARNED EX-BRETHREN.
"Si non è vero, è ben trovato."]

Now Barabbas was a robber whose address and skill were rare,
And he practised in the neighbourhood adjoining Statue Square.
He specialized in Motor-cars and what he found inside,
And most extremely paying was the calling that he plied.

But one unlucky afternoon he went a step too far,
He pinched a dinky suit-case from an unattended car.
And little did he know that by a sorry stroke of Fate
It contained the evening garments of the Senior Magistrate.

The Magistrate grew peevish and detectives buzzed around
And unfortunate Barabbas pretty speedily was found.
He swore a pal had worked the show: he just "was there as well;"
But the Cruel Cops confined him in a darksome dungeon cell.

Charge A was pretty simple: it was larceny, of course,
But subsequent enquiries by the members of the Force
Produced some further evidence and so Charge B was brought
Arraigning poor Barabbas for alleged Contempt of Court.

The case came up for hearing, so they tell me, yesterday,
When the Second Beak enquired if he had anything to say.
And Barabbas made a statement that Charge A was quite correct;
Charge B he didn't follow: but he spoke to this effect.

"It's true I helped another chap to perpetrate the theft
Whereby the said Complainant of his chattels was bereft.
But my foki kept the suit-case and the bulk of its contents.
I only got the trousers, *which I pawned for sixty cents.*"

The Inspectors who were present gasped in horror and dismay,
While the Usher and Interpreter both fainted right away.
And the Magistrate presiding, when again he found his breath,
Said "I find the Pris'ner Guilty, and I sentence him to Death."

MORAL.

The moral of this story is as plain as plain can be
Peccatum Veniale is the crime of Larceny.
But a golden rule for robbers, when they're pinching people's breeks,
Is to price them pretty highly if they chance to be the Beak's!

E. W. H.

SOVIET CONSULS TO GO.

INTRIGUES DENOUNCED.

NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT'S DECISION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 15th.

The Nationalist Mandate of December 14th ordered the withdrawal of the recognition hitherto accorded to the Soviet Consuls in Nationalist territory, and also the suspension of the functions of the Soviet Commercial Agencies. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs has now instructed that this mandate be executed with vigilance.

The Nationalist Government points out that this momentous decision has been forced on them by the startling events in Canton on December 11th. They claim to have discovered that this uprising was made possible because the Soviet Consulate and the Commercial Agencies "were actually accomplices of the Communists, having for a long time permitted the use of their premises as a base for Communist operations," which is a flagrant violation of international ethics.

The National Government have learned that similar risings were planned in other important places in Nationalist territory.

The elaborate programme drawn up by the Communist Party for the destruction of the Kuomintang and of the National Government has determined the Government to stamp out the Communists who have always been a source of incalculable danger.

On December 14th representatives of the Nationalist Government interviewed the United States Consul-General, Mr. Cunningham, who is the Senior Consul in Shanghai, and also Major Hilton Johnson, the Commissioner-General for the International Settlement on the same afternoon with reference to the subject of carrying out the proposed closure of the Soviet Consulate and the Dalbank who are notorious fiscal agents of the Soviet.

The Soviet Consul-General, Kovlovsky, refuses to make any comment until he receives instructions from Moscow.

MARCHING ORDERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 15th.

Mr. Quo Tai Chi, the Nationalist Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, handed the Soviet Consul-General of Shanghai his passport and requested him to leave National territory within a week.

FRENCH FEAR FOR SHAMEEN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 15th.

The China correspondent of the *Excelsior* reports that the defences of Shameen are dangerously weak, especially against a night attack, as the foreign settlement depends upon Canton for its electric light which certainly would be cut off if such an attempt were made. The correspondent considers the settlement is safe only owing to the "natural irresolution of the Chinese."

NORTHERN PAPERS AND CANTON.

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY DEMANDED.

(*Wah Tsz Yat Pao.*)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 15th.

Commenting on the recent Communistic outbreak in Canton, many Northern Chinese papers are of opinion that the Chinese Government should break off all relations with Russia. They hold the Soviet Government responsible for the outbreak. Mr. Wang Ching Wei and Generals Chang Fat Fui and Wong Kie Cheung are severely criticised.

The Chekiang Provincial Government has issued a circular telegram urging the arrest of Wang Ching Wei and his wife who are accused of being responsible for the Communistic massacre in Canton.

Shanghai Chinese Chamber Of Commerce.

The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai has issued a declaration regarding the Canton outbreak as follows:

"Previous to the Communistic massacre Wang Ching Wei, Chang Fat Fui and Wong Kie Cheung relied upon disloyal troops to control Canton. It looks as if they were in communication with the "Reds." A commission must be set up to investigate the origins of the Communistic massacre and those implicated in the affair should be tried for high treason.

CHINA'S TRADE SUFFERS.

DECREASE AT SHANGHAI AND CANTON.

RETURNS FOR ELEVEN MONTHS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 15th.

The Customs returns for the last eleven months show that Shanghai's imports have decreased by twenty-eight per cent., and the exports by nine per cent.

Canton's imports and exports have both decreased by thirty-five per cent. compared with the same period last year and the downward trend continues.

SHANGHAI TRAM STRIKE CONTINUES.

REWARDS FOR MURDER.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14th.

There is no change in the tramway strike situation.

The Strike Committee are distributing handbills of a distinctly communistic and anti-foreign character. The handbills urge that extreme action be taken against the "Running Dogs" with a scale of rewards for murder or arrest, the payment of which is guaranteed by the Strike Committee.

CANTON REVOLT SUMMARISED.

WHAT ENGLAND HAS HEARD OF THE INCIDENT.

The following account contains little or nothing new to our readers but is interesting as being the account broadcasted yesterday from Rugby by the British Wireless service:

RUGBY, Dec. 15th.

The control of Canton has now been completely regained by the Cantonese Government forces who are taking extremely drastic measures for dealing with the Communists and others responsible for the recent *coup*. Most have fled but those captured have been dealt with summarily according to custom and the streets are littered with corpses.

The Red outbreak was one of most violent episodes in the city's recent history. Large sections were burned, hundreds of Government sympathisers and police were killed, and looting was general.

Although the Central Bank was destroyed by fire, the strong room containing gold and notes remained intact. The Customs and Post Office were damaged.

A proclamation has been issued by the Government, calling upon inhabitants to denounce Communists in hiding.

Throughout the outbreak foreigners escaped molestation and no injury to British property has been reported.

CHIANG KAI SHEK'S DENUNCIATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14th.

The Nanking Government has launched a campaign against the alleged Russian influence in Chinese affairs.

Marshal Chiang Kai Shek this evening said: "The Soviet Consulates throughout China are serving as hotbeds of Communist propaganda, necessitating the immediate severance of Sino-Russian relations. I sometime ago recommended breaking off relations and if action had been taken then the Canton disaster would probably never have happened."

Mr. Quo Tai Chi, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, at a University Club dinner to-night stated that China was determined to rid herself of Communism which had brought on chaos and disorder.

BRITISH IN CHINA.

AMERICAN BANKER'S TRIBUTE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 14th.

China having, at least temporarily, spurned Russian influence in her internal affairs, would now welcome the help of Great Britain and America, declared Sir Frederic Whyte, the head of the British delegation to the Honolulu conference, who was given a banquet by the Institute of Pacific Relations.

The banker, Mr. Thomas Lamont, who has returned from the East after an endeavour to arrange a Manchurian Railway Loan, presiding, said that those in direct contact with the Chinese believed that their sobriety, commonsense and intelligence would finally bring them out of the welter of civil war and

(*Continued on next Column.*)

GENERAL HERTZOG'S ANGER.

NATIVE LABOUR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

"MAUDLIN" INTERFERENCE DENOUNCED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JOHANNESBURG, December 15th.

Political circles have been stirred by a speech by General Hertzog on the vital problem of native labour declaring vigorously that South Africa, for obvious reasons, strongly resents attempts from otherwise well meaning individuals from Overseas to interfere in the matter of native affairs in South Africa.

"Unless this irritating practice is dropped it will one day cost the British Empire the greater part of South Africa."

It was maudlin theorists who by such interfereice caused the Great Trek and nearly caused a revolt in Natal many years ago."

House Of Commons Discussion.

Although it does not concern the Union directly, native labour in South Africa was recently given prominence in the British House of Commons at question times in connection with the projected South Rhodesian legislation empowering a native commissioner to assume guardianship of certain native juvenile workers.

Mr. Baldwin defended the measure as beneficial to native children but foreshadowed a debate to ventilate the matter more completely.

Another important point in General Hertzog's speech related to the Mozambique convention between the Union of South Africa and Portugal, *inter alia* regulating, the supply native labour in the Rand mines, which Portugal recently decided to denounce. The Premier, however, was sanguine that the matter would be regulated satisfactorily, because the Portuguese realised the respective interests were best secured by friendly co-operation.

THE DIAMOND INDUSTRY.

PROSPECTING IN SOUTH AFRICA TO CEASE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CAPETOWN, December 15th.

The *Government Gazette* notifies the prohibition of all diamond prospecting on Crown and private lands for a year from December 16th. Sir Abe Bailey, interviewed, while approving the decision declaring that the diamond industry was in a dangerous position and something must be done to rectify it.

ACCIDENT TO MR. VICTOR BRUCE.

MONTTHERY ENDURANCE TEST INTERRUPTED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 15th.

While driving his car in a snowstorm last night in a ten days endurance test at Monthery, Mr Victor Bruce met with an accident from which he escaped unhurt. His car overturned owing to a skid on the ice-covered course.

Mr. Bruce drove his car to the repair shed where it was immediately overhauled with a view to continuing the test.

Mrs. Bruce who is sharing periods at the wheel with her husband was not in the car at the time.

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banditry. He took no stock of the outcry against foreigners. The British who for decades had poured money into China for the benefit of the community, had been tolerant and patient in face of the destruction of their properties for fear of wounding Chinese susceptibilities. In conclusion he said that "if only our friends the Chinese could compose their differences to the point of jointly inviting the amicable co-operation of foreign interests, Americans, British and Japanese, sinking their national interests, would go a long way in an earnest endeavour to serve the common cause."

NEW PRAYER BOOK.

PASSED BY HOUSE OF LORDS.

COMMONS DEBATE TO-DAY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 14th.

In the House of Lords, the Archbishop of Canterbury's motion in favour of the Prayer Book was carried by 241 votes to 88.

Yesterday's Discussion.

LONDON, Dec. 14th.

The debate in the House of Lords on the revision of the Prayer Book will be concluded this evening and it is expected that at least 300 persons will record their votes.

During last evening's debate the specific provisions of the measure received little detailed criticism. Earl Stanhope, who was the chief opposition speaker, urged the postponement of the measure until it was accompanied by another designed to ensure order and discipline in the Church.

Lord Halifax, who is well known for his work at the recent Malines Conferences opposed the measure, but announced that a long personal regard for the Archbishop of Canterbury forbade him to vote against it.

From the Labour benches Lord Parmour, another prominent churchman, supported the measure, which was condemned by the Bishop of Worcester and approved by the Bishop of Chelmsford, who regarded as groundless the Bishop of Worcester's fears that the Holy Communion would, in consequence of the measure, be transformed into the Mass.

HOW CABINET MINISTERS WILL VOTE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 15th.

In view of the overwhelming majority in the House of Lords for the motion that the Royal assent be given to the Prayer Book measure it is now assumed, that full parliamentary sanction for the book will be forthcoming to-day when the measure will be debated in the Commons.

It is considered unlikely that the margin of votes in favour of the measure will be narrower in the Commons than in the Lords but the result is not in doubt. Four hundred members will probably participate in the vote.

The First Lord of the Admiralty Mr. Bridgeman who is a prominent churchman will move the resolution and Sir William Joynson Hicks, also well-known in church work, will open the attack on the measure. The Prime Minister will speak in course of the debate and the division will be taken about eleven o'clock.

DEATH OF SIR GRANVILLE WHELER, M.P.

VACANCY IN KENTISH CONSTITUENCY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 15th.

The death of Sir Granville Wheler creates a vacancy in the parliamentary representation of the Faversham division of Kent. He won the last election as a Conservative, in which election over thirty thousand votes were cast, by a majority of five thousand over Labour and eleven thousand over the Liberal candidate.

U.S. NAVY.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE NEW PROGRAMME.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14th.

President Coolidge, in the event of an international conference for naval limitation, would authorise a suspension of construction.

Mr. Wilbur estimates that the light cruisers will each cost G.$17,000,000, the destroyer leaders and submarines $5,000,000 each and aircraft carriers $19,000,000.

BRITAIN AND IRAK.

TREATY SIGNED.

OUR MANDATE EXPIRES IN 1932.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 15th.

A revised treaty regulating the relations between Great Britain and Irak was signed at the Colonial Office yesterday by Mr. Ormsby Gore, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, on behalf of the British Government and by General Jafor Pasha el Askari, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, on behalf of Irak. The text of the treaty will be published as a parliamentary paper in due course.

Negotiations for revision of the treaty were opened on the arrival in London of King Feisal on October 22nd. The King of Irak was assisted by his Prime Minister throughout the subsequent discussions but the latter's departure from London on November 27th led to the belief that negotiations were abandoned. On the following day, however, King Feisal recalled Jafar Pasha and last week he resumed the negotiations now successfully completed.

To Fly To Bagdad.

King Feisal has already returned to Irak. He arrived at Amman by air from Cairo yesterday and will fly to Badgad to-day. Jafar Pasha will leave London for Irak to-morrow.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 15th.

The revised Anglo-Irak Treaty was signed in London yesterday. It provided for a termination of the British mandate in 1932 when Irak will enter the League of Nations.

COLONEL LINDBERGH.

A DELIRIOUS WELCOME IN MEXICO.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

SAN ANTONIO (Texas), Dec. 14th.

Col. Linbergh arrived at Mexico City concluding his 2,000-mile nonstop flight from Washington in "The Spirit of St. Louis," in which he crossed the Atlantic.

President Calles declared the day as a public holiday.

Detachments of cavalry were posted along the highways before midnight to control the crowds which thronged the route from the Capital to the Valbuena Aerodrome, where President Calles and the whole Cabinet had assembled with foreign Ambassadors to greet the airman.

When "Lindy" Arrived.

A huge crowd of between 25,000 and 30,000 people were getting anxious at the Valbuena aerodrome when Lindbergh was still unsighted 26 hours after he had left Washington. President Calles contemplated sending out aerial searches when "The Spirit of St. Louis" appeared, to the accompaniment of delirious cheering.

A squadron of motor cycle police immediately rushed out to keep the landing place clear, but when the machine landed, after a flight of 27 hours and 10 minutes, thousands swarmed over the ground and overwhelmed the police who with the greatest difficulty kept the crowd from the aeroplane itself.

Col. Linbergh climbed into a motor car, and, with the band playing "The Star Spangled Banner" received President Calles and the United States Ambassador, Mr. Morrow.

[A special message has been received stating that Lindbergh used *Mobiloil* on his 2,000 miles non-stop flight.]

GERMAN BUDGET.

OFFICIAL SALARIES INCREASED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Dec. 14th.

The Reichstag, by 333 votes to 53, has adopted a Bill increasing the salaries of State officials, pensioners and war veterans.

The Budget is thus augmented by about 325,000,000 marks annually. This is not expected to involve additional taxation, but will be covered by revenue surplus.

QUEBEC FIRE DISASTER.

130 FATALITIES FEARED.

EIGHTY CHILDREN MISSING.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

QUEBEC, December 15th.

At least thirty persons, including twelve children, are believed to have been burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Hospital of Saint Charles.

LATER.

Seventeen bodies have been recovered from the hospital fire. Possibly fifty persons are dead and eighty children are reported as missing.

[Only a few months ago, it will be remembered, there was an appalling loss of child life in Quebec, owing to a fire at a Cinema.]

FOREIGN LEGION CASE.

A DESERTER'S RELEASE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 14th.

Mr. C. Locker Lampson announced in the House of Commons that the French Government had generously agreed to grant the free release of the Cardiff man, John Harvey, who is serving eight years' penal servitude in France for deserting from the Foreign Legion.

Harvey was one of five men, who were headed by the American Doty who was sentenced to death but since released. Harvey is an ex-British service man.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

"A Generous Act."

RUGBY, Dec. 14th.

Replying to questions about the case of John Harvey, a native of Cardiff, who was serving a sentence of eight years' penal servitude in France for deserting from the Foreign Legion, Mr. Locker Lampson (Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs) said: "I am happy to be able to say that the French Government, as soon as the matter was brought to their notice, have given orders for the immediate release of Harvey. I am sure the House will much appreciate this graceful and generous act of the French Government."

COMMUNISTS IN SINGAPORE.

QUESTION IN THE COMMONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 14th.

In the House of Commons, Sir Frederick Hall asked about the two Javanese communists, Alimin and Moeso who were recently arrested in Singapore.

Mr. Ormsby Gore replied that under existing Straits Settlements legislation the men could not be prosecuted and they were accordingly released. Steps were being taken to bring local laws into line with those of Great Britain.

THE KING OF AFGHANISTAN.

BOMBAY'S RECEPTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BOMBAY, Dec. 14th.

Salutes boomed from the harbour in welcome to His Majesty Amanulla, King of Afghanistan, on his arrival by sea from Karachi. He was greeted by Sir Leslie Wilson, in the absence of the Viceroy, who was unable to attend through malaria.

His Majesty was presented to a distinguished company. He passed through the city gateway and along gaily beflagged streets which were thronged by immense crowds representing all communities, with a sprinkling of Afghans bearing the black and silver flag, enhancing the picturesqueness of the scene.

His Majesty and the Queen, accompanied by Sir Leslie Wilson and Lady Irwin drove to Government House, the four-mile route being packed with a cheering cosmoplitan crowd whose applause the King repeatedly stood up to acknowledge.

TIM HEALY TO RETIRE.

MR. JAMES McNEILL TO SUCCEED HIM.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 15th.

It is understood that Mr. Timothy Healy, Governor-General of the Irish Free State, who has now completed five years of office is about to retire, and that his successor will shortly be announced. The name of Mr. James McNeill, the present Free State High Commissioner in London, is mentioned in connection with the appoint.

[Mr. Healy was for many years a leader of the Irish Nationalist Party in the House of Commons. Despite his bitter wit "Tiger Tim" was deeply loved by the House and he was never associated with the virulent anti England fanaticism of certain members of the party. He is a King's Counsel and had at one time a big practice first in Dublin and later in England.

No man has done more during his term of office to promote good feeling between England and the Free State. Everyone will wish him a long and happy retirement.]

BRITISH SUBJECTS' LOSSES IN MEXICO.

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 14th.

The following official statement is issued:—"On March 31st, 1927, it was announced that a Convention had been concluded between the British Government and the Mexican Government for the adjustment of certain classes of claims for losses incurred by British subjects in Mexico on account of revolutionary acts which occurred between November, 1913, and May, 1920, and that British subjects or companies with claims of this kind should, in their own interest, communicate at once with the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs at the Foreign Office.

A number of British subjects with whom it has been found impossible to communicate and who filed claims about the time of their loses with the British Consulate General in Mexico City have not yet communicated with the Foreign Office. Claimants or their legal representatives are warned that failure to communicate immediately with the Foreign Office may seriously prejudice their claims, and, in cases where further evidence is required but not forthcoming, may lead to their abandonment."

BRITISH WAR DEBT TO AMERICA.

OVER G.$800,000,000 PAID.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 14th.

A payment of $92,575,000 is being made to-morrow by the British Government to the United States Treasury.

Of this amount, $25,000,000 is on account of repayment of principal, the balance being interest.

With this payment, the total payments to the United Stacs since the funding of the British Debt amount to $802,980,000, of which $120,000,000 has been on account of repayment of principal.

The amount outstanding has been reduced to $4,480,000.

MOTORING BARONET FINED £40.

"SERIOUS" SPEED LIMIT CASE.

"We think that this is a case in which we should make an example," said Mr. Green, magistrate at Tottenham Police Court, when he fined Sir Ernest Burford Horlick, Bt., of Norfolk-street, W., £40, with 14s. 3d. costs, for exceeding the motoring speed limit.

It was stated that Sir Ernest drove his motor-car at a speed of forty-five miles an hour along the Cambridge arterial road.

"A Danger."

His solicitor said that he had been driving in this country and all over the Continent and was a most experienced driver.

The magistrate said that he scarcely knew how to deal with the case. Sir Ernest might not think so, but the bench thought that he was a danger in going at forty-five miles an hour if anybody had been in the road.

Sir Ernest: I should not go at forty-five miles an hour if there was any one in the road.

Mr. Green: We view this as a serious case. It might have had most serious consequences.

It was stated by the police that there were sixteen previous motoring convictions against Sir Ernest.

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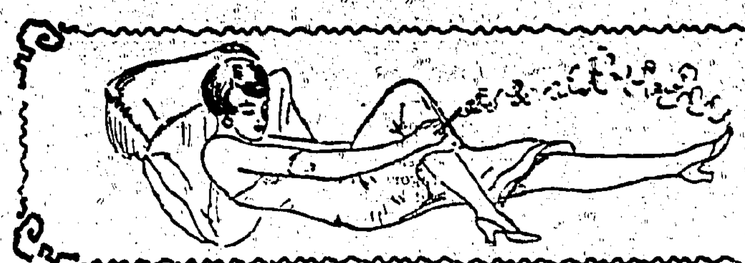

The WOMAN'S PAGE

SIGN POSTS OF CHIC.

EVENING GOWNS ARE LOVELY AND VARIED.

Precious stones and metals are woven into the evening mode, adding the glamour of their colour and sparkle to heighten the glamour of the opera, the dinners, the balls, and the functions that turn winter nights into a blaze of glory. Gold and silver threads gleam through fabrics in flower and geometric patterns, and sheer crêpes, brocaded with small delicate metal designs are used for formal gowns as well as the richer brocades. Jewelled buckles of pearls, rubies, emeralds, and sapphires, of diamonds and sapphires, of diamonds and onyx, or pearls combined with other stones, are used on the narrow tailored belts of the dress fabric, which Chanel uses on frocks of chiffon or Georgette, and are placed at the hip to mark the end of the surplice closing line.

Brocade And Kolinsky.

All these sign posts of *chic* are to be observed among the delightful collection of frocks which I was privileged to examine the other day in Lane, Crawford's. One of the most striking models for smart afternoon wear which I saw was carried out in antique gold and rose *lamé*. The very deep V neck opened over a vest of gold tissue, the skirt was cunning flared at one side to give an uneven hem line, and the richness of the material was to a certain extent sobered by a heavy hem of kolinsky. Fur in natural colours or dyed plays an important part on the new afternoon and evening frocks. Blue satin with woven stripes, round the bodice and lengthways on the skirt, of silver thread, is hemmed with summer ermine. *Joffre* blue georgette makes a very lovely dance dress which has an inserted flare of silver tissue, held at the top by a true lover's knot of *diamanté*, on the left side. The material is embroidered in a flower design with small silver beads and the hem is of fur dyed a lighter tone of the *Joffre* blue.

A young looking frock in apricot georgette figured with gold, has a sash of gold *lamé* and a hem of apricot dyed fur.

An Interesting Model.

A very distinguished looking model has been created out of very fine black tulle over a black satin slip, which has a yoke cut with a wide V back and front of pink. Below the girdle of black velvet fastened with an important looking buckle of pink pearls, the skirt flares out in four frilled triangles, the points of which fall well below the hem line back, front and on either side. The effect is of a very *chic* and gracious *robe de style* which cleverly combines the picturesque element with the destinction of the models on slender lines.

For A Bridesmaid.

Two very charming pink frocks which would pretty for bridesmaids or for a *the dansant*, have little coatees which can, however, be dispensed with when desired without loosing the *chic* effect of the dress. The one a true shell pink is hemmed with satin and has a narrow band of brightly coloured, green and pink, beads in a flower pattern, round the hem of both dress and coat, and just across the front of the waistline. The second, which is a little more elaborate and of a pale blush rose pink georgette with a chiffon velvet coatee of the same colour, is embroidered with stitchings of silver thread, the coatee having the same embroidery. This frock hints at the Empire waist, which is making headway in Paris at the moment, having a panel of knife pleating in front which starts well above the waistline.

A FEW MORE FROCKS.

GOWNED WITH CHIC FOR THE AFTERNOON.

Behind that screen in the Sign of the Lantern over which hangs a gorgeous bedspread is a small sanctuary of dress. Here I found half a dozen or so charming frocks for afternoon and evening wear which had just been unpacked. Blue *crêpe de chine* is smartly trimmed with beige piped tucks, which with their graceful curve from left shoulder to right hip, and from left hip across and around the hem, give the very newest line. Black marrocain is fashioned into a somewhat severely tailored gown which is softened by a fall from shoulder to waist, and again from waist to hem of patterned blue and beige *crêpe*. Smart gold buttons hold each fall in place at the top. A frock of claret coloured *crêpe de chine* has a long surplice collar and a series of small vertical tucks on each hip to give the necessary snug fit. The new Empire effect is achieved by high set pleating on a grey silk frock with has a square cut revere front.

The evening frocks I saw were as *chic*, and a little more elaborate. A very lovely gown in black ring velvet has a marvellous pattern of scarlet beads embroidered round the waist, and forming a large design in front which reaches nearly to the hem. Silver grey lace is used over flesh coloured chiffon and bound at the waist with an important looking sash of black *panne*. Very lovely is a dinner dress of parma violet satin with self coloured bead fringes and a pinkish flower on the hip. A delightfully cut dress of lemon yellow georgette has floating panels, very finely pleated, set at uneven heights from the waist, thus giving a novel twist to the popular uneven hem line, and at the same time preserving *chic* and simplicity of cut.

You may be quite sure that any one of these frocks is "right." Miss Honess has unerring taste and always offers us just a few really good things. There is nothing extravagent about the cut of any of the Lantern dresses, they are examples of what has been selected and is being worn by women of taste in London and Paris.

BY THE WAY.

White Felt Hats.—Powell's have just received a number of white felts in all styles which should be seen before they are all sold out, for a white felt is a good friend at all seasons of the year, and some of these are quite exceptionally attractive.

Christmas Novelties.—I saw in the same shop any number of Christwas novelties, frivolous and useful and all charming.

The Importance of Sleeves.—A very lovely afternoon frock which suggests itself for a smart wedding, which I saw in Pamela's is made of midnight blue *satin beauté*. The doleman sleeves have straight wide cuffs of gold lace. Otherwise the frock is perfectly plain, if one discounts the exquisite cut and wide sash which is crossed over in front and swatches the hips to preserve the snug line which is so important, rather like the cummerbund of a Zouave. The ends of the sash are finished with gold fringe.

For a the Dansant.—Another of Pamela's new dresses would be lovely for a *thé dansant*, or perhaps it may be chosen for a bride who does not want to wear the white satin and veil tradition prescribes for her. Chiffon and silk lace over taffetas, of a particularly lovely apricot tone, are used for dress and the long coat which accompanies it. The frock is quite simply cut and has an insertion of lace at the waist to give a hint of the empire effect above the finely pleated skirt. The lace coat hangs quite straight and is bound and hemmed with the chiffon of the dress.

Three Charming Frocks.—I went into Madame Sarrault's to admire her bags of which I have spoken elsewhere, and noticed three very attractive little frocks, two afternoon and one evening which took my fancy particularly. The evening dress is in a lovely shade of deep *bois de rose taffetas* of that firm rich variety which never creases or crackles. It was cut on semi-picture lines with a tight fitting pointed bodice and a full long skirt which dropped to a point on either side. The skirt has three vandyke pointed rows of velvet ribbon above the hem, and a stronger note of colour is struck by a lovely red rose with bronze leaves placed just in front of the left shoulder. Both the afternoon frocks are pleated and have close, turn-down Peter Pan collars. One which is carried out in *Rose du Barry* coloured thick corded silk has the front pleated from a small yoke and is smartly girdled with gold kid. The second in leaf green *crêpe de chine* is pleated all over in a delightful manner which makes it impossible for the pleats to come out, and has a little yoke cut in an original shape with small points back and front.

French Silk Stockings.—In the same shop I saw lovely French silk stockings lustrous and very fine for $12 a pair, and others nearly as nice for $9.50. I hope there will be a few pairs left by the time you read this but they were in great demand.

The varied charm of the winter hats is shown in this sketch. The newest veil which promises to popular falls loose and just covers the eyes, it is draped to give an added width and importance to the hat it graces. The hat on the left is typical of what is being generally worn this season.

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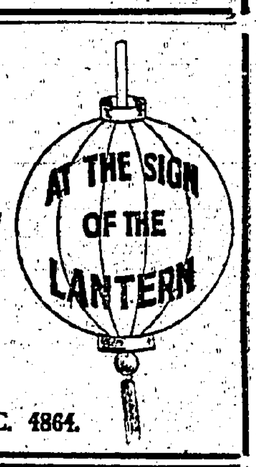

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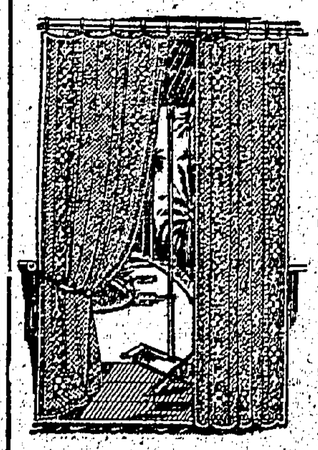

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THE EYES OF A ROOM.

ON THE DECORATIVE VALUE OF CURTAINS.

The windows play a very important part in any scheme of interior decoration; and, a large part of its success depends on the choice of colour, material, and form of the window curtains.

Windows are the eyes of a room, you cannot escape them. No matter how dull or ugly the scene they reveal, your eyes are constantly drawn towards them, because the light enters there and outside is life and adventure. The usual plan in dealing with a window with a poor aspect is to make it as inconspicuous as possible. This is a mistake. No device will prevent people from looking at the things one does not want them to look at. If there is no pleasure to be had in looking through your window you should make it worth looking at.

An Unusual Window.

A London artist designed a very arresting scheme for a window which looked out on a blank wall.

The effect of leaded panes was achieved by sticking narrow strips of passepartout binding, or vitrage paper, at regular intervals over the whole window.

Black "American" cloth was used for the stiffly hanging curtains on which motifs of unbleached calico stencilled with a vermilion Chinese seal design were pasted. Anyone not so clever at stencilling or with a brush might prefer to have plain curtains of bright colour.

An ordinary wire birdcage was enamelled to the same vermillion shade and given a large black tassel headed by two beads—one vermilion, the other bright green.

Two of the porcelain birds now so fashionable—one green and the other black—were placed on a well-chosen group of artistically bound books, some in parchment, some in green, and some in red covers, which take the place of flowers on the small table placed before the window.

The Problems Of French Windows.

Happily, we have few such bad aspects in Hong Kong and our chief difficulties are to keep out the sun in summer and to protect ourselves from draughts in winter. At this time of year our French windows are apt to let in over much fresh air, and as the curtains are only needed at night materials of darker and richer colourings can be used than for smaller windows. Curtains to match the cretonnes or better still to emphasise the richest note in them look exceedingly well.

The Harbour View.

For all the year round use it is, however, very hard to find anything better than the new coloured and fancy nets, and many people like an inner net curtain as well as the heavier cretonne or brocade hangings for the winter treatment of French windows. Such a scheme is particularly happy here on the Peak where we regret to shut out the wonderful night view of the harbour starred with lights, and yet feel that the effect of an expanse of bare window is somewhat cold. A light coloured unpatterned net can be used to veil the window and the rich decorative curtains left hanging loose at either side.

Londoun Nets.

But we have so much sunshine here that the more elaborate type of net can really be used all the year through. If you are considering new curtains now or in the near future you should look at the Londoun unfadeable nets which Whiteaway, Laidlaw's are now showing. These nets which are all amply wide are made in Scotland and I was delighted with the charm and variety of the patterns. Whiteaway's have a large well lit showroom and they know how to display their goods to the best advantage. Most of the "Londoun" nets are coarse weave cotton *filet*, some have silk borders in one or more colours, others are striped, and others of a finer net have an all over lacy design emphasised by touches of silk. The prices range from one dollar to about $3.50 a yard and the variety of colour and designs seems inexhaustible. Among the cheapest nets a coarse white *filet* with a mauve border would, I thought, be very charming in a bedroom, and I picked out also one with a Paris shade ground with a wide border of blue silk. A very wonderful deep jade net has a gold border and central stripe, and a white one is striped with bands of flame colour edged with dark blue. A heavier net woven with a bold silk border in bright colours which would look handsome in a large room is $3.50 a yard, and really lovely curtains can be made of a finer lace net with an all over flower pattern in pale gold which I saw in *bois de rose*, blue, and yellow for $2.75.

These are but of a few of a very wide selection of curtain nets which you will do well to look at, for they represent the latest ideas in window decoration and are besides particularly suitable for our special needs here in Hong Kong.

Christmas
and Almonds and Raisins
and Snap dragon
and Plum pudding.

What Memories!

But in *those* days the raisins had hard seeds, and in *these* days the raisins are seedless.

BE SURE

the Raisins are the same as they are using in the Old Country to-day in their preparations for Xmas.

SUN-MAID SEEDLESS RAISINS.

They are safer;
they taste nicer;
they are better for the health.

Obtainable everywhere, but

Look for the Maid of the Sun on the Red Package.

[A.P.S.]

IN A QUIET ENGLISH HARBOUR.

THE ROMANCE OF SHOPPING.

There are those who complain that the romance has gone out of life in this mechanical age but there is plenty of romance if you look for it. The Phœnician who sailed his barque to the isles of the west, bartering silks of tyrian purple, strange spices, and gems, for skins and tin, was perhaps a more more romantic personality than the genial skipper of one of the great liners that daily bring their tempting cargoes from east and west to the island of fragrant streams—Hong Kong. A more romatic figure but a less pleasant one, and his merchandise held not a hundredth part of the romance. For Hong Kong is a world market. Side by side with the product of the machine and the factory lies embroidery worked in small village homes, by needlewomen to whom London would be

A very chic afternoon gown made in soft satin. The draped cross over bodice is fastened with steel buttons and the hem trimmed with a broad band of fur.

as wonderful as the hanging gardens of Babylon and a factory as terrible as "Metropolis." The cup you buy may have travelled over thousands of miles of ocean. In the quite little harbour of Foey, the "Troy Town" of Quiller Couch, lies a liner with a Japanese name and up and down her swarm quick brown men lading her china clay. Across the seas to Japan, a Tokyo factory, and the clay now in the form of china ware returns to its native land; not infrequently to be shipped back to Hong Kong.

A Bedspread For A Queen.

My wanderings took me the other day into Pohoomull's, and I found the walls hung, as for a Roman festival, with gorgeous colours. Bed spreads from China, from India and from Persia glowed one against the other wonderfully harmonising despite the difference in their inspiration, and each one fit for a Queen's bed.

Two hundred and fifty birds, each one a different variety, were twittering and perching on a flowering tree which adorned a satin bedspread of dark blue, one of China's contributions. The Chinese have a world wide reputation for their presentation of bird life, whether it be in painting sculpture or embroidery; and the way in which every item of this complicated design is alive and yet the whole conforms to the rules of decorative art leaves one marvelling. A lovely apple green bedspread is somewhat similarly decorated with a beautifully designed tree and peacock all in white, while a deep cherry red cover has the more formal Chinese flower sprays in dull tones of blue, for its decoration. Another red satin bedspread has the imperial dragons sprawling over it worked in gold thread and deeply padded.

Persia has sent black or dark blue satin closely embroidered in light coloured silks in those intricate designs with which Persian carpets have made us familiar; and from India comes, among others, a bedspread of Holland coloured linen embroidered with red stars and small circles with little scraps of glass let into them.

AN IMPORTANT SALE.—The anniversary sale at the Pioneer Silk Store is very well worth a visit. It includes the whole stock besides those new goods which are arriving almost daily, and everything is very substantially reduced. The Pioneer always do good business because their prices are reasonable, but such an opportunity as the present one does not often occur. Besides their

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ANGORA.

SPORTS LINES ARE TRIM.

Sports suits, those delightful little ensembles which can be worn on nearly all occasions are more *chic* than ever. Angora wool which is as soft warm and light as swansdown figures largely in the newest models. In many of the sports ensembles which I saw this week at Pamela's the jumpers were fashioned of angora, and the skirts of wool-hopsack cunningly pleated. To be smart a sports ensemble should be of one of the new beiges. The colours run from the warm chestnut brown which has just been introduced in Paris, to a curious dust shade which is nearly grey, natural is also very *chic*. Skirts are generally pleated, of a darker tone than the jumper, and very short. In some cases the three piece ensembles have sleeves to both jumper and cardigan, but if this is so the cardigan is of fine jersey while the jumper is evolved from angora.

Perhaps a description of some of Pamela's ensembles may give you a clearer idea of what is essential in the new sports mode. A jumper in honey coloured spun silk is given round about stripes of light brown and is worn over a finely pleated hopsack skirt mottled with the same brown. A beige angora jumper has a plaid hopsack skirt of beige and chestnut brown, while another natural colour angora jumper is worn over a pleated crepella skirt of the new grey beige. In this case both jumper and skirt are trimmed with narrow bands of *tabac* crêpe de chine, which also furnishes the collar of the former.

A very smart suit has a kilted skirt on a light hip yoke. Over it is worn a very short loose little coat, almost a bolero, which has a roll collar with long ends to tie in a bow. The colour is the very latest which can most aptly, though not very attractively, be described as "dust." A three piece ensemble has an angora jumper, sleeved, of natural embroidered with red wool stitching round the bottom. The cardigan, also sleeved, is a rather deeper natural of jersey and is bound with the material of the skirt a red and *marron* plaid hopsack.

THE SAC A MAIN.

THE RIGHT BAG IS ESSENTIAL TO CHIC.

Madame Sarrault always has the best that Paris can provide, so I paid her a visit in order to discover what *la mode* has ordained in the way of bags.

In this era of impeccable simplicity no accessory to the costume is considered acceptable that does not contribute its note of distinction or that does not agree is character and colour with the other accessories and with the costume itself. Everything must be matched or definitely related to the whole.

In the matter of bags the theme of ensemble harmony is again stressed, for the bag frequently matches the shoes. A smart Parisian fashion is to wear gloves, slippers, belt and purse of black antelope. The most important hand bag for daytime use is that of antelope, of square shape with a top of real or imitation tortoise, amber or plain shiny metal. Bags of polished shark skin and lizard, calf and pigskin are used with sports and tailored clothes.

For evening, envelopes with diamond clasps or ornaments are very good. The usual evening bag is of gold or silver brocade with the design picked out with pearls or brilliants. The simple bags of moire and corded silk, with jewelled or marcasite ornament or monograms are also smart and especially suited to the semi-formal evening costume.

A most effective *pochette* for use with a dance frock in pastel shades is covered with shining silver sequins with a band of blue sequins across the front and back. Black silk *suède* with a mount and clasp of platinum and *diamanté* is used for a small evening *sac*, and another similar in shape has *diamanté* and marcasite stud to open it.

Grey snake skin is used for a rather larger bag on the same lines design for use with the new sports ensembles or a tailored frock, while calf skin, beautifully polished, makes envelope bags in a variety shades. A very handsome polished calf skin bag which I saw in the window has an enameled mount which makes it suitable for use with an elaborate afternoon toilet or a matching dinner dress.

A bag is always a welcome gift, for it is impossible to have too many. When the bag is one sponsored by Madame Sarrault even the most ignorant of mere males need have no fear that his lady will not be delighted with her Christmas gift and marvel at his taste and skill.

CELANESE.—The Celanese undies which Lane, Crawford's are shewing now, are delicious. I will tell you more about them next week.

very large stock of silks of all kinds silk. Milanese and crêpe de chine underwear, and the stockings for which this house is justly famous, all sorts of pyjamas, coats, kimono, and morning gowns are displayed in bewildering profusion.

RIVER STEAMERS IN COLLISION.

CHIEF OFFICER OF "ANJOU" CENSURED.

COURT OF ENQUIRY PROCEEDINGS.

The sequel to the collision between the s.s. *Anjou* and *Wing Hung* at Sailam Channel about fifteen miles from Wangmoon, on November 28th, was heard yesterday at an enquiry held at the Marine Court.

Commander G. F. Hole presided and the assessors were:—Lieut.-Comdr. Faulknor (H.M.S. *Argus*), Lieut.-Comdr. T. Pritchard, R.N.R. (master of the *Taishan*), Capt. R. Dodds (master of the *Achilles*) and Capt. C. A. Mutton (master of the *Wing On*).

The master of the *Wing Hung*, Mr. E. P. Smith, was represented by Mr. F. G. Vaux, while Capt. A. H. Brown, of the *Anjou*, conducted his own case.

Mr. Smith, of the *Wing Hung*, deposed that on the morning of November 28th he was called by his Chief Officer at about 1.25 a.m. and while he was putting his shoes on, he heard a crash. When he arrived on deck he saw the *Anjou* close to the *Wing Hung* on the off port bow. His ship was then on the north bank with engines going full speed astern. Witness then stopped the engine and told the No. 1 carpenter to sound the well, and his pilot to give four siren blasts as a signal to the *Anjou* to come back. She did and stood by. She could not tow them off as her engines had broken down.

Answering questions put by the Court witness said that when he reversed his engines, he found that they would not work and the ship went ashore at full speed. Her best speed was 7½ knots.

Patrick Scully, Chief Officer of the *Wing Hung*, said that on the voyage from Hong Kong to Wuchow on November 28th they arrived at Sailam Channel at 1.30 a.m. He was on the bridge and the first pilot was navigating. They were on the starboard side of the Channel about 80 feet from the bank. The *Anjou* overtook them and sounded two blasts. Witness replied with one as an indication that the *Anjou* might pass. While doing so she suddenly swerved to starboard. Witness ported his helm but the *Anjou* continued swinging. Witness put his engines "full speed astern" and called the Captain. The *Anjou* closed on the *Wing Hung's* port bow and the collision took place as the Captain came on the bridge. The *Wing Hung* struck the north bank. The *Anjou* then backed but returned later.

When the Captain took charge, he stopped the engines, and when the *Anjou* returned, Capt. Smith asked the master of the *Anjou* whether he would tow them off. The Captain of the *Anjou* replied that he could not do so. They remained aground for 25 hours.

The "Anjou's" Story.

Mr. A. H. Brown, master of the *Anjou*, said: I left Wangmoon at 1 a.m. on November 28th and at 1.45 while I was in my bunk, I was thrown on the floor as a result of the collision with the *Wing Hung*. The Chief Officer was on watch and the No. 2 pilot was navigating. I went on deck and saw the *Wing Hung* alongside on my starboard side. The north bank was about eighty feet away. I stopped the port engines and starboarded my helm.

The *Anjou* then passed the *Wing Hung*. I let go my anchor so that I could stand by. The *Wing Hung* then hailed us and said they were badly damaged and asked me to tow her off. I replied that my engine had broken down, and I had no towing cables.

The draught of the *Anjou* is 8 feet for'ard and 10 feet aft. The length of the ship is 154 feet.

Our starboard engines had been out of action about 15 minutes prior to the accident, but I was not informed of this. The engines, however, were put right after the collision.

Chief Officer Mackenzie then gave corroborative evidence.

The Findings.

The Court's findings were as follows:—

"We find that the s.s. *Anjou* in attempting to pass the s.s. *Wing Hung* passed closer than was necessary taking into consideration the breadth of the navigable channel at her disposal.

That after clearing the *Wing Hung* the starboard engine of the *Anjou* broke down canting her to starboard, this causing the collision with the *Wing Hung* and the stranding of the *Wing Hung*.

We are of the opinion that Peter Mackenzie, who was Chief Officer of the *Anjou*, and in charge of the bridge at the time of the collision, was culpable in that he failed to take charge adequately of the bridge and movements of his ship when chance of collision became apparent and that he failed to take necessary steps to attempt to avert collision in that he omitted to put the port engine to "full speed astern."

We, therefore, adjudge him to be severely censured."

MR. FUNG TAT HANG'S BANKRUPTCY.

YESTERDAY'S PUBLIC EXAMINATION.

HEAVY INDEBTEDNESS TO LOCAL BROKERS.

LOSSES ON HONG KONG HOTEL CATERING.

When Mr. Fung Tat Hang the well known caterer to the Hong Kong Hotel was examined in bankruptcy yesterday morning he stated that his liabilities for goods supplied to the hotels was over $200,000. This is entirely his responsibility and nothing to do with the hotels. Still heavier losses in connection with share speculations were disclosed and the Official Receiver put the total unsecured liability to share brokers, taking an optimistic view of the matter, at close upon $800,000.

Mr. Fung stated that he started his career with the Hong Kong Kong hotel in 1893 at a salary of $15 a month. At the end of 1918 he was worth $10,000.

The examination was conducted before the Chief Justice (Sir H. Gollan) at the Supreme Court by the Official Receiver Mr. E. L. Agassiz.

Mr. Fung Tat Hang, is now living at 6, On Hing Terrace.

Debtor stated in reply to Mr. Agassiz that he had been employed by the Hong Kong Hotel as caterer on a salary of $400 a month since he filed his petition on November 9th. He was married and had two children.

Debtor agreed with Mr. Agassiz that, with the exception of his own house and that at Kowloon Tong, he had no other property in the Colony which was not very heavily mortgaged.

Mr. Agassiz:—Have you ever considered the question of making any provision for your creditors from your salary and income?—That is only enough to cover my own expenses.

Debtor was 44 years of age and had been in the employ of the Hong Kong Hotel since 1893. The Hotel paid for his education at Queen's College. His starting wages were $15 a month and he was increased to $55 in 1918. He had an agency for rattan ware with a Michigan firm and at the end of 1918 he was worth about $10,000.

Caterer To Hong Kong Hotel.

On October 31st, 1918 he was appointed caterer to the Hong Kong Hotel.

From 1918 up to the boycott in 1925 the approximate annual profit on the food agreement alone was $40,000.

Steam Laundry Venture.

In 1922, with a co-partner, he bought steam laundry properties from the hotel. The purchase price, including machinery, was about $235,000. The partner and himself each subscribed $10,000 cash and the balance was done by mortgage. It was a private company and excluding the mortgage the annual profit was about $30,000.

At the present time the laundry was very heavily mortgaged to the National City Bank of New York for approximately $325,000. There was another mortgage with the Hong Kong Government on other properties for $80,000.

Debtor also bought property adjoining the laundry which had since been developed but there was still room for more houses. That property was mortgaged to the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co. for $150,000 on the first mortgage. There was a second mortgage of $60,000 and there was a Prohibitory Order obtained for $525,478.

Mr. Agassiz:—Will you agree with me that all these properties were fully encumbered in 1924 and since that time it has not been possible for you to raise any further money on them?—Yes, this is true.

Debtor purchased undeveloped property in Aberdeen in 1923 for $63,985 and 14 houses had since been erected. These properties were also heavily mortgaged to the China Provident Company. The first mortgage was for $50,000, with two further charges of $30,000 and $60,000.

Heavily Involved.

Questioned with regard to shares, debtor stated he commenced to deal in shares about 1922 and until 1924 his transactions were generally successful, but after that year he began to lose money. Like many others, on July Settlement Day in 1925 he was very heavily involved.

Debtor disputed a proof from Mr. Carroll for $2,000 odd and another from Mr. J. F. Grose and Co. for $54,038.74. He also disputed a proof from Mr. Logan, the amount not being stated.

Debtor investigated his position in 1924 but not afterwards. In that year he was solvent.

Mr. Agassiz:—At the end of 1925 will you agree with me that you were hopelessly insolvent?—Yes. The only hope I had was that the shares might go up again.

Mr. Agassiz:—Your indebtedness to share brokers alone at the end of 1925, was roughly between four and five lakhs?—Yes.

Debtor agreed that the debts that had been lodged in his bankruptcy on share transactions with brokers amounted to $1,027,700.47 gross, and the present value of the securities held by the brokers was now $133,500.49.

Mr. Agassiz:—Deducting that security and also the proofs of debt which you dispute (I am taking those in your favour) your unsecured liability to share brokers on that basis is $769,150.97?—I know nothing about it myself.

Loss On Catering $115,000 In 1926.

Debtor agreed that figures produced by Mr. Agassiz showing the results of his contract with the hotel in 1926 and 1927, to the end of October, were supplied by himself. They showed a heavy loss. His loss on food in 1926 under the agreement was $143,338.49, but he made a profit on wines and spirits of $27,369.76. The net loss in 1926 was $115,968.73.

Mr. Agassiz:—Knowing that you were making this most heavy loss month by month, why did you not give notice to terminate your agreement?—I was hoping that the market prices might come down.

In the first ten months of 1927, he had a bigger loss. His net taking his own figures, was $128,648.41. The total loss on that contract for 1926 and the first ten months of 1927 amounted to $244,616.14.

According to his own statement, the total debts for goods supplied was $214,245.92. During the November this year, he had ordered goods to the extent of $19,533.75.

Mr. Aggassiz:—What prospect had you of paying for these goods?—The only prospect I had was falling market prices and better times.

European Firms Press For Settlement.

At the beginning of November this year he was dealing with various European firms, including the Dairy Farm and Messrs. Lane, Crawford's. The Dairy Farm stopped giving credit from the first, and the hotel then paid cash. Messrs. Lane, Crawford's notified him that if he did not settle up his accounts, they would not give him further credit. Debtor approached the hotel for assistance and was told to wait until the 15th of the month.

Mr. Agassiz:—That means that your request for assistance was refused—Yes.

Debtor agreed that although his request was refused, he continued to order goods from people who would supply them and for those who would not, the hotel paid cash.

He decided to file his petition because one of the market dealers sued him for $3,000.

For Messrs. Caldbeck.

Mr. Davidson: Credit was given to you because firms knew you were acting as the hotel's agent?—I don't know. All the orders were made in my name.

But the goods were sent to the Hong Kong Hotel—Yes.

His Lordship:—After trouble arose, the hotel paid for goods in cash at the current market price?—Yes.

Whereas formerly they had getting them at less than the market price?—I had an agreement with them to supply at a certain price.

Debtor stated that his heavy losses in the latter months of 1927 were represented by the difference between the market price and the price at which he was supplying the hotel, in accordance with the agreement.

The examination was closed.

CRICKET NOTES.

ECHOES OF THE INTERPORT.

I am interested in, though not surprised at, the Malayan criticisms which were printed in the *Daily Press* on Monday last. I had, as a matter of fact, been told that the usual disgruntled crowd of rotten sportsmen had been raising Cain. I confess to a certain feeling of amusement at the calm assumption that the invitation from the Hong Kong Cricket Club was extended to a semi-professional team of subsidized players. Of course, I know that it is the spirit of the day. No ruling body but has its fleas. But it is a pity that the insects do not make a little more certain of their facts.

It is a great mistake to compare Interport Cricket to County Cricket without being a bit precise in terms. As regards the standard of play, yes. But in a general way, to quote a well-known local cricketer, it corrrespondents much more closely with country-house cricket. The Interport games originated in friendly contests between members of the Shanghai and Hong Kong Cricket Clubs. Singapore C.C. afterwards joined in. Later on, between Shanghai and Hong Kong, *when* other local sides had come into being,—(for originally they were the only teams existing and that is why they, as doyens, run the show)—it became the practice, and very rightly so, that the full strength of the Colony or settlement should be sent so far as possible. I speak without the book but I am strongly under the impression that the H.K.C.C. or S.C.C. never defray a cent of the fares or expenses.

The Singapore C.C., therefore, to my mind, having known and observed this custom themselves, might well consider themselves bound to continue to observe it. As a matter of fact sometimes we play "The Straits," and sometimes we play "Malaya." What actually happened this time was that it was found impossible to raise a Singapore C.C. side and they, therefore, selected a side from all the F.M.S. from men eligible for membership in the Singapore C.C. This I had direct from their Captain Foster. It seems to me that the Singapore C.C., as recipients of the invitation, had a perfect right to act as they pleased and it was no dashed business of anyone else. The only thing that went wrong was that Foster wished his team to be styled "A Malayan Side" rather than "Malayn"—and I am afraid we rather overlooked this. As the *Straits Times* pointed out Hong Kong got an almighty hiding when we went down last year, and everyone knew we could have picked a team here to beat the one that went. But, praise the pigs, we didn't get a lot of swabs grousin the press about it. It is perhaps too much to hope that these few remarks, made more in anger than in sorrow, will ever meet the eye of our disgruntled correspondents in Malaya. If they should, I will take leave to add that whether they do or do not practice the noble art of cricket they know nothing of the spirit in which the game should be played. The Malayan side came up here and got a dashed good hiding and took it like gentlemen and sportsmen. And then these back-biting blighters—oh!—for Heaven's sake, let's talk about something clean!

LAST WEEK'S LEAGUES.

First Division.

The First League continues to function very slowly and only two matches were played last Saturday. The Chinese are in good heart just now and had a fair share of the game against the Navy. Venn is in form with the bat just now and made a nice 51, while, for the second time, Thomson (6 for 30) was the only bowler on the Navy side to get wickets. Ng Sze Kwong, Young Saye, and Yeoh all did well for C.R.C. while Ching did excellently with the ball, getting five wickets for seven runs apiece. It is very pleasant to see the sporting Chinese side doing well, and were it not that there is a superiority complex existing, I should expect them to beat the Civil Service to-morrow.

There is no doubt that the Civil Service have white ants in their batting, and their bowling is going to bits. Most unfortunate the small ball has ruined Sayer's bowling and apart from Ling, Evans and Hamilton, the Civil Service attack consisted of slow full tosses and half-volleys which were promptly dumped for four apiece. Reed was crocked and could not play and I fear it is doubtful if he can turn out again. The trouble is that the batting is to weak to experiment with fancy bowling, (i.e., you hope the batsman will fancy its bowling). Kitchell played an excellent knock. Neither he, nor anyone else, was missed. Hamson also defended sturdily. When C.S. batted, the utter chaos into which their batting order has been allowed to slip destroyed them. Strange has not often (I believe never before) gone in first with de Roma. On this occasion, after as near as possible running him out at the start, he ran him out in fact a few balls later. Then magnificent fielding by Craigengower plus a bit of luck pinned the match home. Sayer was out to a really good shot which never rose 12 inches off the carpet. For some reason Rumjahn was standing right in at cover (theoretically quite unsound) and he took a marvellous catch. Evans was caught at square leg off a hard hit first ball, while a few balls later Hawkins was caught on the boundary at long leg. Even so C.S. ought to have drawn but they could not get over their bad luck. All the same Craigengower deserved their win. I prophecied last week they could improve but I did not expect them to take me at my word so rapidly. I withdraw my suggestion that C.S. will be fourth in the League.

Second Division.

I was in error when I stated last week that the Police *v.* C.S. match was a League fixture. It *was* originally but it was subsequently changed to a friendly. My remarks about closing times remain, however. I have not got a copy of the rules and I see no prospect of getting one, and from what I know of the management of the League I shall very surprised if they cease hibernating long enough to do anything about it.

Last week Civil Service II. beat the Sappers by 41 runs. Paterson played a fine knock for his side with 60 not out. Bridgeland alone did much for the Sappers, who were one short, and there were two run-outs.

Friendlies.

The match on the Club ground was a dull affair, I am told (I did not see it), but the one bright spot was seeing "Dick" Hancock out again. I am delighted to hear that he is reported fit and well again. Morris and Lyal for Kowloon, collected runs albeit with great difficulty. Most of the Club got a few but the result was a draw from the start.

The Indian "B" side went down to the Electric Co. while China Light and Power beat Kowloon 2nd. Perfectly shocking, isn't it? The Recreio had (for the first I think) two sides out. Their first team did well to beat a weak R.A.F. side by 1 wicket, in spite of Reekes taking 5 for 14. Their second, however, were beaten by 43 in a very low scoring match—University II. being successful.

The Police were beaten by the Queen's Regiment, a useful side.

Last Sunday's Match.

University Past and Present met a combined League team under G. R. Sayer on Sunday. This latter side got 220 (Hamson 89) while the University only managed 62 and 143 (Rumjahn 39 and Sling 26). Thomson (of the Navy) to 3 for 19 and 5 for 22. He has taken a tremendous number of wickets in the last 14 days, and is steadily coming back to what I am told was his old form.

R. ABBIT.

QUEEN'S REGIMENT BEAT KOWLOON C.C.

Playing yesterday on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground, the Queen's Regiment beat the Home Club by the narrow margin of 4 runs. The winners scored 95 runs and the Kowloon Cricket Club 91 of which F. Edwards contributed 25 and F. Knott 18. Capt. Haggard took 7 wickets for 27 runs.

CIVIL SERVICE C.C. *v.* CHINESE R.C.

This League match takes place on Saturday.

C.S.C.C.:—G. R. Sayer (capt.), A. E. Wood, B. D. Evans, E. W. Hamilton, F. J. Ling, T. D. E. Pendered, B. C. K. Hawkins, A. W. Grimmitt, H. E. Strange, A. R. Sutherland and F. H. Holdman.

CIVIL SERVICE C.C. 2nd XI *v.* H.K. UNIVERSITY.

This Second Division League match takes place on Saturday.

C.S.C.C.:—H. F. Harper, R. S. W. Paterson, R. R. Davies, R. G. Robertson, W. F. J. Gorvin, W. H. Edmonds, C. Sara, F. H. W. Haynes, V. H. Chittenden, P. J. O'Neill and S. E. Alderman. Reserves: E. W. Simmons and R. Trengrove.

University:—F. Hiptoola (capt.), Dr. M B. Osman, W. M. Gittins, A. Baker, B. N. Sudan, A. B. Sulieman, S. R. Kermani, K. T. Loke, A. Chan Fook, B. H. Schroter and H. T. M. Barma. Scorer; Mr. G. E. Yeoh.

UNIVERSITY 1st XI. *v.* R.A.C.C.

The following will represent the University 1st XI. in a League match against the R.A.C.C. on Saturday, at 2 p.m. on the University ground:—C. W. Lam (capt.), Dr. D. K. Samy, Dr. D. Laing, A. A. Rumjahn, B. P. Ng, J. Barrow, W. Hong Sling, S. V. Gittins, A. P. Guterres F. I. Zimmern and E. A. Lee. Umpire: Mr. F. H. Trayes. Scorer: Mr. C. L. Tan.

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASE.

THE CHRISTMAS EVE MEETING.

THE GOVERNOR OF MACAO AMONG NEW OWNERS.

A record entry has been received for the Fanling Hunt Steeplechase meeting on Christmas Eve, the Governor of Macao and a number of other new pony owners having entered.

The programme is as follows:—

1.—3.15 p.m.—The Maiden Plate: One Mile.

For China ponies that have never won a steeplechase. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have started at Kwanti allowed 5 lbs. 1st prize $50; 2nd $15; 3rd saves entry fee. Entry $5.

Shot 3, Iron General, Man-of-War, Wai Chow, Sunning, Chick To, Caviare, Circe, Min River, Scooter, Warrington, Loongwa, Yorks, Telegram, Bill Brewer, Alhambra, The Gomeril, Senatorship, Red Leaves, Taree, Chin Shan, Tarzan, Drake, Borderer, Wild Hawk, Veloz, Warlordship, Cherry Brandy, Lucky Star, Honeymoon, Castle, Pekin.

2.—Beefsteaks: One Mile.

For China ponies. Catch weights at 168 lbs. 1st prize $50; 2nd prize $15; 3rd prize saves entry fee. Entry $5.

Durian, Smart Guy, Caviare, Deer Hound, Craigavad, Alhambra, Durham, Dumbell, Wild Fellow, Six Hundred, Two Step, Shady Joe, Foxtrot, Pekin.

3.—Ladies' Plate: 1¼ Miles.

For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. For a Plate presented by the ladies of the Fanling Hunt. 2nd prize $25; 3rd prize $15. Entry $5.

Wai Chow, Chick To, James Pigg, More Better, Deer Hound, Cheriton Vale, Loch Rannock, Easter Day, Mowgli, Bill Brewer, The Gomeril, Race Horse, Chin Shan, Blotting Paper, Wild Hawk, Warlordship, **Ma Kau Siac, Wild Fellow.**

4.—Christmas Handicap: 1½ Miles.

For China ponies. 1st prize $50; 2nd prize $15; 3rd prize saves entry fee. Entry $5.

James Pigg, More Better, Min River, Deer Hound, Humdinger, Lock Rannock, Easter Day, Loongwa, Mowgli, Bill Brewer, Alhambra, The Gomeril, Red Leaves, Race Horse, Taree, Chin Shan, Tarzan, Blotting Paper, Ma Kau Siac, Wild Fellow, Honeymoon.

5.—The Nil Desperandum Steeplechase: Seven Furlongs.

For China ponies that have started at this meeting or at the Autumn meeting at Kwanti. Winners at this meeting barred. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have started at the meeting allowed 5 lbs. 1st prize $50; 2nd prize $25; 3rd saves entry fee. Forced entry $5.

Shot 3, Durian, Iron General, Man of War, Wai Chow, Sunning, Chick To, Smart Guy, James Pigg, Caviare, More Better, Circe, Deer Hound, Min River, Craigavad, Humdinger, Scooter, Cheritan Vale, Loch Rannock, Warrington, Longwa, Easter Day, Yorks, Mowgli, Telegram, Bill Brewer, Alhambra, The Gomeril, Senatorship, Chung Ka Kau, Red Leaves, Race Horse, Tarzan, Taree, Chin Shan, Drake, Blotting Paper, Borderer, Durham, Dumbell, Wild Hawk, Veloz, Warlordship, Ma Kau Siac, Wild Fellow, Six Hundred, Cherry Brandy, Lucky Star, Two Step, Foxtrot, Shady Joe, Honeymoon, Castle, Pekin.

TENNIS.

H.K. UNIVERSITY BEAT LING NAM UNIVERSITY.

The Hong Kong University obtined a decisive victory over the Ling Nam University at tennis yesterday afternoon, on the Pokfulam ground. The local players won by 42 games to 18.

T. W. Chong and A. A. Rumjahn (H.K. University) beat K. C. Wong and K. Lau (Ling Nam) 10—5, and also beat H. N. Wong and C. K. Chan (Ling Nam) 12—3. Total 22—8.

P. G. Lim and H. C. Hung (H.K. University) beat K. C. Wong and K. Lau 11—4, and beat H. N. Wong and C. K. Chan 9—6. Total 20—10.

Grand Totals:—H.K. University, 42; Ling Nam University, 18.

CRICKET.

M.C.C. TEAM IN SOUTH AFRICA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 14th.

R. E. S. Wyatt, the Warwick amateur, scored a fine not-out century against the Transvaal and and Natal School XV. in a two day match at Johannesburg, completed to-day, the match being left drawn.

Batting first, the M.C.C. compiled 312, Wyatt's contribution being 136 (not out). After the School XV. had been dismissed for 199, the tourists had scored 206 for four wickets in their second innings when the stumps were drawn.

HOME FOOTBALL.

THE SCOTTISH CUP.

THE FIRST ROUND DRAW.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 14th.

The draw for the First Round of the Scottish Cup Competition made to-day resulted as follows:—

Dumbarton *v.* Hamilton.
Beith *v.* Airdrieonians.
Raith Rovers *v.* Aberdeen.
Alloa Ath. *v.* Fraserburgh.
Vale O' Leven *v.* Leith Amateurs.
Glasgow Uni. *v.* Albion Rovers.
Rathgate *v.* Celtic.
Brechin *v.* Lochgelly.
Arthurlie *v.* Queen's Park.
East Stirling *v.* Rangers.
Clackgannan *v.* Third Lanark.
Hearts *v.* St. Johnstone.
Hibernians *v.* Dykehead.
Ayr United *v.* Bo'ness.
Morton *v.* Mid-Annandale.
Civil Service Strollers *v.* King's Park.
Armadale *v.* Berwick Rangers.
Cowdenbeath *v.* Johnstone.
Forfar *v.* Queen of South.
Montrose *v.* Stenhousemuir.
Clydebank *v.* Dunfermline.
Partick *v.* Inverness Caleys.
Vale of Athol *v.* Newton Stewart.
Arbroath *v.* Nithsdale Wanderers.
Forres Mech. *v.* Elgin City.
Stranraer *v.* Dundee.
Keith *v.* Dalbeatie Star.
Falkirk *v.* St. Bernard's.
St. Mirren *v.* Clyde.
Leith Ath. *v.* Kilmarnock.
Huntley *v.* Motherwell.
East Fife *v.* Dundee United.

Matches to be played on January 21st, 1928.

'VARSITY SOCCER.

OXFORD DEFEAT CAMBRIDGE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 14th.

Playing at Stamford Bridge in rain and on a treacherous ground, Oxford beat Cambridge in the annual soccer match by six goals to two.

The Oxonians maintained a foothold on the slippery ground better than the Cantabs and their long passes were very effective. A capital pace was kept up throughout the game.

After quarter of an hour's play Valentine scored a goal for Cambridge. Five minutes later Fletcher equalised and then added the third with a stinging shot. At half time the score was 2 goals to one in Oxford's favour.

Two minutes from the resumption, Greenstock, Oxford's outside left, scored with a low cross shot. Two minutes later Valentine netted for Cambridge and then Jenkins, Lingelbach and Greenstock added goals for Oxford.

SWINDON'S WIN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 14th.

Swindon, who failed to defeat Crystal Palace at Swindon, eliminated the Glaziers from the F. A. Cup Competition in the replay in London to-day. Swindon won by two goals to one, and will be at home to Clapton Orient in the Third Round.

League Match.

In the Northern Section of the Third Division to-day, Lincoln City, playing at home, defeated Durham City by two goals to one.

HOCKEY.

Y.M.C.A. LOSE TO THE K.O.S.B.

An excellent hockey match took place at King's Park yesterday afternoon, between teams representing the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, and the King's Own Scottish Borderers second eleven.

The game was very keenly contested, and the resulted in a win for the soldiers by one goal to *nil*.

Both teams played one man short.

To-day the Club "A" team play the King's Own Scottish Borderers at King's Park, and the University "B" oppose the Y.M.C.A.

SILVER FOX CARGO FROM CANADA.

TOTAL VALUE £100,000.

MONTREAL, Nov. 15th.

The largest shipment of live silver foxes from this continent to Europe will leave Charlottetown to-morrow for Norway.

The shipment consists of 1,000 foxes, whose total value is £100,000.

A large party of Norwegian buyers has been in Prince Edward Island for some months selecting stock as a basis for a great silver fox industry in Norway.

AIRCRAFTSMAN FRENCH.

EVIDENCE AT INQUEST.

A HEAP OF EARTH IN THE ROAD.

Further light was thrown on last Saturday's motor fatality when Mr. W. Schofield and a jury sat at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon to investigate the circumstances under which Leading Aircraftsman Ronald J. French lost his life.

The deceased had attended a dance at the Kowloon Dock on the night of December 10th and was in the side-car of a Harley Davidson motor cycle driven by Mr. E. S. Pethick, Chief Officer of the s.s. *Waishing* when, in returning from Kowloon City, the machine struck a heap of earth in Prince Edward Road. Mr. French was thrown out of his seat and killed instantly. Mr. Pethick escaped with minor injuries and was present at the enquiry yesterday.

Medical evidence was taken and later the Coroner and jury paid a visit to the place and the enquiry was resumed.

Mr. Pethick's Evidence.

In the course of his evidence Mr. Pethick said that he had had two years' experience in driving motor cycle combinations in Hong Kong, Singapore, Rangoon and Calcutta. At the time of the collision he was travelling at 20 to 25 miles an hour and his machine had a bright headlight.

Witness said that he left Kowloon Dock at 11.10 p.m. on December 10th with Leading Aircraftsman French travelling in the side-car. He was making a trip to Kowloon City to try the machine while Mr. French observed the working of the engine, and he had intended carry out another test with an additional Air Force man last Tuesday.

Describing the accident, witness said that he vaguely saw an obstruction about one hundred yards ahead, but he only saw what it was when he was ten or twelve feet from it. Witness had no time to apply the brakes. He made an endeavour to swerve but there was a risk of the machine going down the steep bank into the valley.

After the accident witness found his left leg entangled in the machine, and there was a cut on his calf. His right shoulder was bruised and he also scraped his head. When witness looked round for Mr. French he found him on the roadway with his head bleeding badly.

A motor car was coming along the road and witness stopped it by holding up his hands. Failing to make the driver understand that he wanted the injured passenger conveyed to the nearest hospital as quickly as possible, Mr. Pethick said that he decided to go for help and getting into the car told the driver to go to the Mongkok Police Station, where he made a report and an ambulance was summoned by the officer on duty.

About ten seconds before the collision his passenger remarked that the engine was running very nicely.

What A Pedestrian Saw.

Mok Hoi, living at Kowloon City, said that at about 11.30 p.m. on that day in question he was on his way home from Kowloon Tong in the direction of Prince Edward Road when he observed a motor cycle about seventy yards away. There was a long blast from a motor horn which he thought came from this machine, and it was travelling fairly fast.

A moment later witness saw the machine swerve and strike something, the driver falling out of the machine. Witness then saw the driver pick himself up and stop a small motor car which was coming along. The driver of the motor cycle boarded the car and drove away.

After that witness thought there was nothing wrong and continued on his way home. At the time witness did not know there was another person lying on the road. Witness did not see an obstruction, but only some boards put up to keep earth from falling into a trench, and he could not say whether there were any green lights hung up on the boards.

At this stage the enquiry was adjourned until Thursday, December 22nd, at 2.15.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN ENGLAND.

The Ministry of Labour announces that the total number of registered unemployed in Great Britain on November 7th was 1,111,700. This was 5,643 more than the week before, but 451,259 less than a year ago.

"OUR POOR" FETE.

THE FINAL RESULTS.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S SUCCESSFUL EFFORT.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul announces that the auction sale yesterday in Kowloon realised $483.75. The Bazaar Committee is very grateful to Mr. Lionel Lammert, of Messrs. Lammert Bros., for undertaking the sale gratuitously and to Messrs. J. M. da Graca and P. Young for making all arrangements.

Further Donations.

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The Eastern Bazaar,	useful articles.

Results Of Raffles Not Yet Reported.

Guessing Competitions (Second Trial).—Turkey, number chosen, 21 Five competitors, won by Miss O. Xavier (No. 21). Sucking Pig, number chosen, 26. Two competitors, won by Mr. H. Noronha, No. 31 (nearest).

Christmas Hampers.

Ticket No. 213, 1st, Backhouse; No. 170, 2nd, Arthur Luz; No. 221, 3rd, A. V. Barros; No. 196, 4th, Doris Lee; No. 157, 5th, H. Rohn; No. 3, 6th, A. W. Ramsay; No. 167, 7th, G. Danenberg; No. 28, 8th, L. Swandsen; No. 232, 9th, Young, H.M. Naval Yard; No. 223, 10th, G. C. Remedios; No. 68, 11th, J. W. Morris; No. 108, 12th, Blundell.

Raffles Of Doggies.

1st, Mrs. A. F. J. Soares; 2nd, C. M. Vieira; 3rd, Carmen S. Alves; 4th, L. D. Turner; 5th, Pendeny Graca.

Raffle Of Dressed Dolls.

1st, "Dorothy," won by Mrs. E. F. Xavier; 2nd, "Ena," won by Simon Tse Yan; 3rd, "Betty," won by Betty Alves.

The gross proceeds of Rose Day and the Al Fresco Fete were expected to amount to $22,000, of which $4,317.20 represents the proceeds of the sale of Roses. About 13,000 roses were disposed of.

Hong Kong Weekly Press

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CANTON'S REVOLUTIONARY UPHEAVAL AND ITS SUPPRESSION DOMINATES THE NEWS SINCE SUNDAY. THE *HONG KONG WEEKLY PRESS* RELATES AT LENGTH THE THREE STAGES OF THE REVOLT . . . CANTON IN THE HANDS OF THE REDS, THE STRUGGLE WITH LI FOOK LAM'S TROOPS AND THE FINAL ROUT OF THE INSURGENTS.

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Many striking Incident are narrated, and a clear picture presented of the widespread havoc wrought in the City. Soviet influence is said to have been brought to light and a number of Russians executed.

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Attempts have been made to carry on Communist propaganda in Hong Kong and to organise a general strike. Special police precautions have been taken and many arrests made, especially from among the refugees now swarming into the Colony from Canton.

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The Philharmonic Society have successfully produced "Merrie England" and the Art Club has held its most interesting Exhibition. There has been the usual programme of sporting events.

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Extraordinary interest has been shown in the charges of dealing in drugs preferred against James Christie an ex-Colonel in British Army and a Litvian named Blum. The case is reported at length.

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The *WEEKLY* is the best summary of South China affairs for all at home who wish to follow the course of events in this part of the world. The current issue will be of special interest in England for the Canton incident has aroused universal attention and a full account of it will be welcomed by all whose appetite for news has been whetted by the brief cabled reports.

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ROUND THE POLICE COURTS.

SENIOR MAGISTRATE IN WITNESS-BOX.

THE DANGER OF DYNAMITE OVERLOOKED.

[BY NOTE-BOOK.]

"Note-Book" usually has a dull time at the Magistracy recording that Ah Soo and Ah Kow got two weeks' "hard" for stealing a chicken or a goose, but yesterday was a red letter day for the Senior Magistrate, Mr. R. E. Lindsell appeared as complainant before Major C. Willson.

Other case heard were of a minor nature.

MR. LINDSELL AND HIS DRESS SUIT.

It will be remembered that sometime ago Mr. R. E. Lindsell made a report to the Police that, while his car was parked outside the Star Ferry wharf, a rattan basket containing his dress suit and gold cuff links and bottons was stolen.

Later the culprit was arrested and charged at the Central Magistracy before Major C. Willson. In the dock with the thief was another Chinese who was charged with receiving stolen property.

Mr. Lindsell, of course, had to go into the witness box to give evidence, and afterwards he defended his own case when the thief denied stealing the property. Two pieces of jade were produced which Mr. Lindsell recognised as having been taken out from his links. By adroit questioning, he successfully proved the guilt of the defendants. The thief was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and the "fence" was given two months in view of a previous conviction.

THE DANGER OF DYNAMITE.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy, with removing 20 cases of dynamite and 16,000 detonators from Green Island to No. 22, Wai Ching Street without a permit. Defendant was represented by Mr. Horace Lo, who pleaded guilty to the first charge.

In extenuation Mr. Lo said that the offence was only a technical one. The defendant had a permit to remove the dynamite but did not know how far it covered. He had gone to Green Island on a junk to take delivery of the goods, and when he returned he found the junk had left. Being only a newcomer to the Colony, he did not know it was an offence to take the dynamite and detonators to the house at Wai Ching Street, besides it was raining at the time.

The Court pointed out that the house was in the residential quarter and if an explosion had taken place, several lives might have been lost. A fine of $50 was imposed.

DOGS WITHOUT LICENSES.

Before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy a summons against Mr. A. Rossini for keeping two chow dogs without a licence was again called. The Police told the Court that the defendant had removed from his former residence and had taken out the licences for the dogs. The summons was then withdrawn.

PETTY THIEF GAOLED.

A young Chinese was given three months hard labour by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy for stealing a rattan basket containing clothing from the Sanitary Board coolies' quartesr.

SPEAKING TO PRISONERS.

A Chinese who went to see his brother at Yaumati Police Station, was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy with speaking to prisoners under detention. He was fined $10, or fourteen days' hard labour.

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THE FORGED LETTER OF CREDIT.

WILLIAMS IN COURT.

HIS PERENNIAL SOURCE OF INCOME?

Richard Charles Williams, who also works under several aliases, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Criminal Court yesterday morning.

He is accused of committing an amazing series of frauds upon banks, with the aid of a number of clever forgeries of letters of credit. Yesterday morning the story his activities was told by the prosecution.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, Counsel for the prosecution, said that it was alleged that Williams was a prolific forger of cheques and other cash instruments, and that his operations had covered half-a-dozen different countries before he was finally arrested at Santiago, in Chile, and extradited to this Colony for trial.

Williams, through his solicitor, Mr. Leo d'Almada, snr., pleaded guilty to the three charges, but reserved legal points defence.

Mr Jenkin said that the accused first appeared on the scene in July, 1926, when he called at the Jerusalem branch of the Banque d'Ottomane. There he presented money and obtained a letter of credit for £200. When next heard of, he was at Ally, in the Holy Land, from where he wrote to the Banque d'Ottomane at Jerusalem explaining that while halting at a smithy to have his horse shod, a spark from the iron burnt his coat, and damaged the letter the credit. The burned portion coincided with the place of the figure £200.

The Banque issued a new Letter of Credit, and acknowledgment of the receipt of this was made by Williams from Mount Lebanon. Accused drew on this letter of credit, until the last draft made at Basra, in Irak, left him with only a balance of £15. To recuperate himself, Williams altered the figure from £200 to £2,000.

Williams turned up in Singapore on November 23rd, when he obtained a further sum from the American Express Company by drawing on the forged letter of credit. In Hong Kong, in December, 1926, he obtained £450 worth of travellers' cheques and also £50 in local currency. The total drawings on that letter of credit, by the time he left Hong Kong, were £1,200, which left him with a forged balance of £800. From Hong Kong, his movements covered the North China field, and the One Hundredth Bank at Yokohama.

In Chile, continued Counsel, he contemplated another fraud on the National City Bank of New York by the simple process of altering the figures in his drafts, as endorsed on the back of the letter of credit.

Counsel put in a number of exhibits including the original letter of credit issued by the Banque d'Ottomane, travellers' cheques, pens, ink-phials, artists' drawing pens and brushes, as well as colours all of which, he submitted, were used by the defendant for forging. Accused was a man of many accomplishments, and spoke French very fluently.

The defendant was committed for trial at the January Sessions, his defence being reserved.

TROUBLE ON THE "GORGISTAN."

COOLIE PASSENGERS ATTACK OFFICERS.

ARDOUR DAMPED BY FIRE HOSES.

The excitement of Tuesday night was revived again on the s.s. *Gorgistan* yesterday morning, when a similar riot among the numerous coolie passengers on board broke out.

It will be recalled that on Tuesday evening deck passengers, numbering between 600 and 700, who had come from Amoy on the *Gorgistan*, and were bound for Singapore, got out of hand and attempted to rush the bridge. They had chafed at the delay in their transportation to Singapore, having been in Hong Kong for a matter of five days.

The police, on that occasion, however, soon quelled the disturbance, and peace was restored.

Yesterday morning, shortly after ten o'clock a wireless message was received by the police from the *Gorgistan* asking for assistance, and when Water Police launches reached the vessel it was learned that the riot had threatened to assume alarming proportions until the prompt action of the ship's officers had put a stop to it.

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Apparently the coolies after seven days' on board decided to make a second violent protest against their detention, and while the officers were having breakfast they rushed past the Police Guards left on board since Tuesday night, and began pelting the officers with lumps of coal and then attacked them with long bamboos, pointed at the ends.

The officers succeeded in turning the hoses on the malcontents and by the time Det.-Inspector Dorling had arrived with police re-inforcements the trouble was practically over.

The police guard was doubled, and later in the day the coolies were transhipped by lighters from the *Gorgistan* to the *Armanestan*, lying in Kowloon Bay. The *Armanestan* remained there last night, and is understood to be sailing for the Straits to-day. The police guard remained on board all last night, and will do so until the vessel sails.

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES per Co.'s Steamer "ANTENOR" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 15th December.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and NOON within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 21st December, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 4th January, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents
15th December, 1927. [5655

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

THE Motor Ship "KOENIGSBERG" having arrived from BREMEN, HAMBURG and Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon where Delivery can be obtained.

All Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd of December, 1927, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson & Ashe, at 10 a.m., on the 21st of December, 1927.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Ship's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognised.

Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for Countersignature.

MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents:
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1927. [5657

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Motor Vessel "VOGTLAND" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's godowns at Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 22nd December, 1927, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 21st December, 1927, at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

All Claims must reach us before 5th January 1928, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

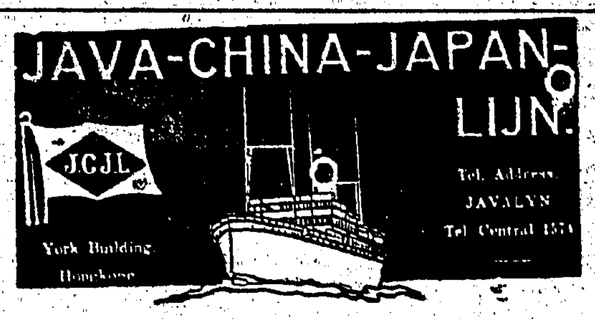
JEBSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 5th Dec., 1927. [5656

WITHIN CALL.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong yesterday:—

Aki Maru, Hakozaki Maru, Rakujo Maru, Machaon, President Garfield, Sunning, Lai Sang, Tjisoendari, Cremer, Zosma, President Jackson, Antung, Kalyan, Deli Maru, Kwai Sang, Kaying, Ceylon Maru, Chusan, Jeypore, Kwangtung, Taikwa Maru, Kanchow, Tjiuglak, Trier, Nanchang.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN-LIJN.



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TJISALAK	Java, Macassar	17th Dec.	21st Dec.	Amoy & N. China
TJIRODAS	N. C. & Amoy	19th "	22nd "	Batavia
TJIMANOEK	Batavia	22nd "	24th "	Shanghai, K'lung.
TJIKEMBANG	S'hai., K'lung. & Amoy	26th "	29th "	Batavia
TJILIWONG	Java, Macassar	2nd Jan.	4th Jan.	Amoy & Saigon
TJIKINI	N. C. & Amoy	2nd "	4th "	Macassar & Java
TJISAROEA	Batavia	5th "	7th "	Amoy, S'hai. K'lung.
TJIMANOEK	S'hai., K'lung.	9th "	11th "	Batavia
TJITAROEM	Java, Macassar	16th "	18th "	Amoy & N. China
TJISALAK	N. C. & Amoy	16th "	17th "	Batavia
TJISONDARI	Batavia	19th "	21st "	Amoy, S'hai. K'lung
TJISAROEA	S'hai., K'lung. & Amoy	23rd "	25th "	Batavia

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Further Sailings	Expected on or about	Will leave homeward-bound on or about
M.S. "Java"	23rd January	—
M.S. "Australien" ...	15th February	—
M.S. "Asia" ...	21st February	—

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The Steamship "BENDORAN."

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves, Delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th instant, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 3rd January, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th instant, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
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Hong Kong, 13th Dec., 1927. [5641

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s STEAMER "KALYAN."

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON 14TH DECEMBER, 1927.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, MALTA, PORTSAID, ADEN, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed AT THEIR RISK in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary 6 hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 3rd January, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 14th Dec., 1927. [5647

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Hong Kong, 12th Dec., 1927. [5632

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 15th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.94	29.97	29.94
Temperature	72	67	74
Humidity	61	77	58
Wind—			
Direction	E	E	E
Force	3	2	2
Weather	O	O	O
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 14th: 73
Lowest open-air Temperature, 15th: 67

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 16th to 22nd, 1927.

Days of Week.	Date of Month.	High Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height	Low Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Fri.	16	m 1 39	6 0	m 9 45	2 1
		5 38 a	5 1	9 31 a	4 7
Sat.	17	m 3 24	5 5	m 10 34	2 4
		6 6 a	5 5	11 29 a	4 3
Sun.	18	m 5 1	5 1	m 11 17	2 6
		6 28 a	5 5		
Mon.	19	m 6 8	4 9	m 0 38	3 7
		6 48 a	6 1	m 11 56	2 8
Tues.	20	m 7 4	4 7	m 1 27	3 2
		7 7 a	6 5	0 31 a	2 9
Wed.	21	m 7 56	4 6	m 2 8	2 6
		7 27 a	6 9	1 4 a	3 1
Thur.	22	m 8 47	4 5	m 2 46	2 1
		7 50 a	7 3	1 35 a	3 2

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SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SZECHUEN"	On 17th Dec.,	Noon
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"CHUSAN"	On 17th Dec.,	1 p.m.
AMOY, SWATOW, SINGA-PORE & BANGKOK	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 17th Dec.,	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"NANCHANG"	On 18th Dec.,	6 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU"	On 18th Dec.,	10 a.m.
AMOY, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SUNNING"	On 19th Dec.,	5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 22nd Dec.,	8 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 22nd Dec.,	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SOOCHOW"	On 24th Dec.,	6 a.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TEAN"	On 24th Dec.,	Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"LUCHOW"	On 25th Dec.,	8 a.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 26th Dec.,	7 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 26th Dec.,	10 a.m.
AMOY, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SHANTUNG"	On 26th Dec.,	5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 29th Dec.,	8 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 30th Dec.,	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SUIYANG"	On 31st Dec.,	6 a.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANKING"	On 1st Jan., 1928.—	7 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"LIANGCHOW"	On 1st Jan.,	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 1st Jan.,	10 a.m.

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S.S. "CITY OF BEDFORD" ...	Via Suez Canal	23rd January
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Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

December 14th.

Chekiang, British str., 1,313 tons, Capt. S. M. Barling, from Canton, lying at buoy No. C45.—B. & S.

Hakuho Maru, Japanese str., Capt. E. Taketomi, from Haiphong, with five tons of fish, lying at Wanchai.

Juno, Dutch str., 1,383 tons, Capt. H. H. Bosman, from Singapore and Balikpapan, with benzine and kerosene, lying at North Point.—A.P.C.

Kronviken, Norwegian str., 1,519 tons, Capt. Th. Berntsen, from Canton, lying at Stonecutters.—Wallem & Co.

Tokei Maru, Japanese str., 1,412 tons, Capt. J. Mitsumori, from Keelung, which port she left on December 11th, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. B51.—Y.K.K.

December 15th.

Antenor, British str., 6,809 tons, Capt. J. G. Reynard, from Liverpool, which port she left on November 12th, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

Hin Sang, British str., 1,883 tons, Capt. T. Grant, from Sandakan, which port she left on December 4th, with a general cargo, lying at Yaumati.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Hirundo, Norwegian str., 1,125 tons, Capt. H. Brandt, from Bangkok and Swatow, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. C17.—Thoresen & Co.

Koenigsberg, German str., 3,978 tons, Capt. W. Richlep, from Singapore, which port she left on December 9th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Melchers & Co.

Kojun Maru, Japanese str., 1,306 tons, Capt. F. Taguchi, from Dairen and Weihaiwei. The latter port she left on December 9th, with coal and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C42.—M.B.K.

Lai Sang, British str., 2,224 tons, Capt. P. Jowitt, from Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B7.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Lee On, Chinese str., 829 tons, Capt. Kwok Kau, from Kwong Chow Wan, with general cargo and pigs, lying at buoy No. C41.—Hop On S.S. Co.

Seistan, British str., 1,571 tons, Capt. Alex. C. Inglis, from Singapore, which port she left on December 7th, with firewood and general cargo, lying at buoy No. B48.—Foo Nam S.S. Co.

Vogtland, German motor ship, 7,106 tons, Capt. H. Christiansen, from Hamburg and Singapore. The latter port she left on December 7th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Jebsen & Co.

CLEARANCES.

December 15th.

Chekiang, for Ningpo.
Deli Maru, for Swatow.
Fook Sang, for Amoy.
Hydrangea, for Swatow.
Jerantut, for Singapore.
Koenigsberg, for Takao.
Kwong Sang, for Canton.
Lai Sang, for Singapore.
New Mathilde, for Hoihow.
Norviken, for Singapore.
Sanjin Maru, for Keelung.
Sarachi Maru, for Kamaichi.
Shiu Hing, for Macao.
Tak Hing, for Autow.
Tjisondari, for Batavia.
Tokei Maru, for Whampoa.
Vogtland, for Shanghai.
Yan On, for Kwong Chow Wan.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

Per s.s. *Antenor*, from England *viâ* ports, on December 15th:—Mrs. F. M. Adler, Mrs. L. Makin, Miss D. L. Makin, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sherry, Miss C. M. Sherry, Master D. Sherry, Mrs. F. M. Deacon, Mrs. Lovegrove, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Robertson, Miss M. E. Robertson, Miss J. H. Robertson, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. T. A. Robertson, Mrs. G. M. Stratton, Dr. L. Jenkins-Dovey, Master A. C. Jenkins-Dovey, Mr. W. D. Morley, Mr. R. E. Greensmith, Miss E. M. Score, Capt. and Mrs. Riggs, Miss Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. J. J. Rasmussen, Master K. H. Rasmussen, Mr. I. Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Currie, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. and Miss Goetry, Mr. Makin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Finne, Mr. W. H. Adler, Mr. Cookson, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Warrington, Master F. W. Warrington, Miss L. B. Warrington, Master R. H. Warrington, Mr. M. Gilbert-Davies, Mrs. Jory, Master J. Jory, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hanwell, Miss L. E. Hanwell, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Maxted, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Clay, Mrs. J. E. Annesley, Miss E. M. Annesley, Mrs. W. A. Herbert, Mrs. Milligan, Miss M. M. B. Milligan, Miss H. Milligan, Miss J. S. Milligan, Mr. J. Ashton, Miss J. McD. Cuthbert, Mrs. Malcolm, Mr. and Mrs. F. Fletcher, Miss Fletcher, Mrs. M. R. S. Leckie, Miss E. J. Robinson, Mr. A. P. H. Squires, Miss L. Fowler, Mrs. C. R. Shaw and Miss Shaw.

Departures.

Per s.s. *President Jackson*, for Manila, on December 14th:—Mr. John H. Booth, Mrs. John H. Booth, Dr. W. S. Carter, Mr. Lason H. Chyo, Mr. Charles Grether, Mrs. George C. Howard, Mr. A. Stewart Hunt, Mr. Newton T. Johnson, Mr. M. F. Kline, Mr. Joseph Markey, Mrs. Joseph Markey, Master James Markey, Master Joseph Markey, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Meigs, Mr. G. Pavelieu, Mrs. E. T. Puckett, Miss Helen Jane Puckett, Mr. John H. Roblin, Mrs. John H. Roblin, Mr. George R. Summers, Mr. Unosuke Takeda, Mrs. Unosuke Takeda, Mrs. M. Thorlakson, Mr. Juan Urtiaga, Mr. K. S. Vakil, Mr. George N. Vitt, Miss W. Wygajo, Miss R. Fertig, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hyman, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Eden, Mr. Wm. Jennings, Miss Mary Rushton, Mr. P. S. Crovat, Mrs. Dorothy Crovat, Mrs. O. T. Harris, Mr. H. B. Lydon, Miss R. B. Pharo, Mr. J. Delbourgo, Mr. Chong Sing Chong, Mrs. F. A. Vick, Mr. and Mrs. G. Borromeo, Mr. J. Borromeo, Mrs. E. Ossorio, Mr. Go Hua, Mr. Sy Kim, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beard, Mr. Y. Furuno, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Miss Olive Young, Mrs. John Reard.

Per s.s. *President Pierce*, for Seattle *viâ* ports, on December 14th:—Mr. C. T. Boyce, Mr. E. Jackson Casse, Mr. N. Ichiyanagi, Mr. Y. Kannyama, Capt. Miguel Morales, Mr. Z. Okamoto, Mr. T. Shinogi, Mr. and Mrs. D. Williams, Mr. Geo. H. Grane Williams, Mr. R. B. Lattimore, Mr. Sabiston, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Zumwalt, Mr. Yee Yow, Mr. Ly Hoi Sang, Miss Lola M. M. McCall, Mrs. M. M. Brouse, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Chandler, Hon. Isauro Gabaldon, Mr. F. M. Johnson, Mr. O. C. Sanborn, Mr. A. M. Birchall, Mr. Kaname Wakasugi, Mrs. Payne, Master T. Payne, Mr. Duen Chan Hing, Mr. Cham Tze Fun, Mr. G. Apfelbaum, Mr.

(Continued on next Column.)

PILOT CHARGED WITH BREACH OF DUTY.

"RABENFELS"—"CALCUTTA" COLLISION.

CALCUTTA, Nov. 22nd.

The trial began to-day of Mr E. G. Bacon, an acting branch pilot of the Bengal Pilot Service, under the Calcutta Pilot Act, for breach of duty, before the Sessions Judge at Alipore.

The prosecution is the result of a Government order consequent on the finding of the Marine Court enquiry into the collision between the *Rabenfels* and the *Calcutta* on August 20th, off Fulta Point, in the Hooghli River.

In opening the Crown case, Counsel narrated the circumstances attending the collision and spoke of the warning given to the captain of the *Rabenfels*, but accused's negligence had resulted in the collision and the sinking of the *Calcutta*.

Mr. Smiles, a branch pilot, examined, said that the *Rabenfels* was sighted at a distance when the *Calcutta* was caught in an eddy at Fulta Point.

Signals Answered.

Witness was engaged in negotiating the passage, with the steamer moving full speed ahead. The *Rabenfels* sounded two blasts and witness answered with two.

The *Rabenfels* blew three blasts, but did not alter her course, resulting in the *Calcutta* being struck and sunk.

Captain Coby and a pilot, Mr. Wingfield, said that the *Rabenfels* struck the *Calcutta* at an angle of 30 degrees. The *Calcutta* was lying across the channel when the accident took place.

The third officer of the *Calcutta* said that the *Rabenfels* struck the *Calcutta* at an angle of 30 degrees.

Cross-examined, he said that if the *Calcutta* had gone on the Western side, no collision would have occurred.

The hearing was adjourned till December 2nd.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Vessels in port yesterday at 9 a.m. were:—

British:—*Szechuen, Kiungchow, Kiang Su, Seistan, Lai Sang, Hin Sang, Linan, Hong Hwa, Calulu, Chekiang, Telemachus, Fook Sang, Haihong, Hydrangea, Kwangchow, Kwong Sang, Empress of Russia, Gorgistan, New Mathilde, Changte, Apoey, Wing Hong, Haldis, Taming, Achilles, Ling Nam, Kalgan, Shun Si, Sui Sang, Tean, Yunnan, Hop Sang, Armanestan, Sumatra, Taikoo.*

Norwegian:—*Norviken, Kronviken, Helikon, Mondego.*

Panama:—*Pawnee.*

German:—*Vogtland.*

Japanese:—*Hakuko Maru, Taikei Maru, Akashi Maru, Deli Maru, Hozan Maru, Sanjin, Sorachi Maru.*

Chinese:—*Lee On, Fuh Tai, Yuen Jeng, Yan On, Heng Tai, Toi Cheang, Haimun, Confucius, Derwangsze, Shing Ming, Derwent, Ban Foo Soon, Poo Tye, Lee Cheong, Gen. H. Hunt, Gen. H. Knox, Man Sun.*

Dutch:—*Juno, Tjisondari, Vulcanus, Hankow, Jan, Otto, Hong Kong.*

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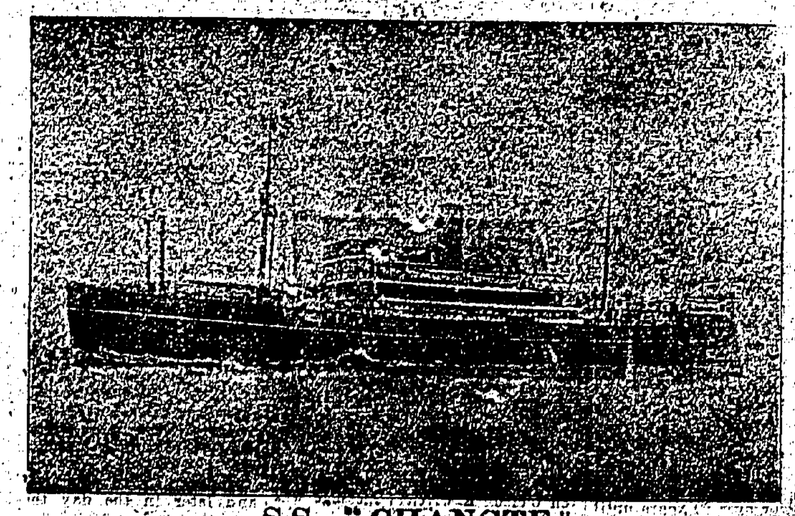

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	"WAISHING"	Sun., 25th Dec., at 7 a.m.
	"YATSHING"	Wed., 28th Dec., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"FOOKSANG"	Fri., 30th Dec., at 3 p.m.
	"HOSANG"	Wed., 11th Jan., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"SUISANG"	Thurs., 22nd Dec., at 3 p.m.
	"HINSANG"	Satur., 24th Dec., at 3 p.m.
	"MAUSANG"	Wed., 4th Jan., at 3 p.m.
CANTON	"KWONGSANG"	Fri., 16th Dec., at 10 a.m.
	"HANGSANG"	Tues., 20th Dec., at 2 a.m.
KOBE via AMOY, MOJI & YOKOHAMA	"KUMSANG"	Satur., 24th Dec., at 7 a.m.
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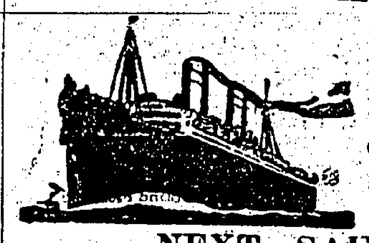

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TANGO MARU ... ... Wednesday, 21st Dec.
AKI MARU ... ... Wednesday, 18th Jan., 1928.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.
† GENOA MARU ... ... Tuesday, 27th Dec.
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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL IMPORTS HEAVY.

THROUGH CARGOES NORMAL.

There were 25 vessels arriving into port during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, and freights for the Colony were heavy. Through cargoes, however, did not show any increase.

Local imports amounted to 22,260 tons, of which, 9,166 tons were contributed by seven British ships. The two best returns were 4,122 tons by the *Hinsang* from Sandakan and 3,775 tons by the *Akashi Maru*, from Miike.

Through freights were manifested by only eight steamers out of the 25 arrivals, and only amounted to 10,179 tons.

There were only 670 tons carried by British vessels. The two best returns were shown by the s.s. *Vogtland* (German) from Hamburg and Miri and the *Zorma* (Dutch) from Bremen and Manila. The former carried 6,420 tons and the latter had 2,995 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were the following:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	10	5
French	1	0
Dutch	3	2
German	1	1
Norwegian	2	0
Japanese	4	3
Chinese	4	2
Swedish	0	1
Total	25	14

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail and Dollar Lines.
President Garfield, to-morrow.
President Taft, Dec. 19th.
President McKinley, Dec. 25th.
President Harrison, Dec. 31st.

Australian-Oriental Line.
Taiping, Jan. 7th.
Changte, Feb. 7th.

Bank Line.
City of Lahore, to-morrow.
City of Pekin, Dec. 24th.
City of Calcutta, Jan 14th.
City of Madras, Jan. 21st.
City of Adelaide, Feb. 18th.

Blue Funnel Line.
Machaon, to-morrow.
Helenus, Dec. 20th.
Peleus, Dec. 20th.
Tydareus, Dec. 25th.
Patroclus, Dec. 28th.
Perseus, Dec. 29th.
Ixion, Dec. 29th.
Pyrrhus, Dec. 30th.
Myrmidon, Jan 7th.
Rhexenor, Jan. 8th.
Hector, Jan. 13th.
Mentor, Jan. 17th.
Protesilaus, Jan. 17th.
Troilus, Jan. 22nd.
Neleus, Jan. 31st.
Ningchow, Feb. 2nd.
Philoctetes, Feb. 5th.
Talthybius, Feb. 7th.
Aeneas, Feb. 13th.
Autolycus, Feb. 19th.
Achilles, Feb. 27th.
Medon, Feb. 28th.
Bellerophon, Mar. 2nd.
Calchas, Mar. 4th.
Sarpedon, Mar. 8th.

British-India and Apcar Line.
Tilawa, to-morrow.
Takliwa, Dec. 19th.
Garmula, Jan. 19th.

Canadian Pacific Line.
Empress of Asia, Dec. 29th.

Dodwell & Co.
Corby Castle, Jan. 1st.
Viminale, Jan. 5th.
Bowes Castle, Jan. 22nd.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.
Java, Jan. 15th.
Australien, Feb. 22nd.
Asia, Mar. 14th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.
St. Albans, Dec. 27th.
Arafura, Jan. 2nd.
Tanda, Feb. 6th.

Glen Line.
Glenogie, Dec. 22nd.
Glenamoy, Jan. 20th.
Glensanda, Jan. 26th.
Glenapp, Feb. 2nd.
Glenluce, Feb. 23rd.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie and Hugo Stinnes Linien.
Ramses, Dec. 19th.
Albert Vogler, Dec. 31st.
Oldenburg, Jan. 12th.
Havelland, Jan. 28th.
Mecklenburg, Feb. 5th.
Emil Kirdoff, Feb. 25th.

Holland East Asia Line.
Oostkerk, Jan. 10th.

Java-China-Japan Lijn.
Tjisalak, to-morrow.
Tjibodas, Dec. 19th.
Tjimanoek, Dec. 22nd.
Tjikembang, Dec. 26th.
Tjikini, Jan. 2nd.
Tjiliwong, Jan. 2nd.
Tjisaroea, Jan. 5th.
Tjitaroem, Jan. 16th.
Tjisondari, Jan. 19th.

Messageries Maritimes.
Lt. St. Loubert Bie, to-morrow.
Chenonceaux, Dec. 21st.
Angers, Jan. 4th.
D'Artagnan, Jan. 18th.
General Metzinger, Feb. 1st.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Aki Maru, to-day.
Hakozaki Maru, to-day.
Rakuyo Maru, to-morrow.
Akita Maru, Dec. 18th.
Rangoon Maru, Dec. 19th.
Matsuye Maru, Dec. 20th.
Tango Maru, Dec. 20th.
Takaoka Maru, Dec. 20th.
Kamo Maru, Dec. 26th.
Seiyo Maru, Dec. 28th.
Nagano Maru, Dec. 29th.
Hakusan Maru, Dec. 30th.
Tottori Maru, Dec. 30th.
Hakodate Maru, Jan. 7th.
Ginyo Maru, Jan. 13th.
Kitano Maru, Jan. 13th.
Calcutta Maru, Feb. 19th.
Tatsuno Maru, Feb. 1st.
Mishimi Maru, Feb. 12th.
Calcutta Maru, Feb. 19th.
Mishima Maru, Feb. 21st.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.
Trier, to-day.
Derfflinger, Dec. 18th.
Saarbruecken, Jan. 17th.
Coblenz, Feb. 14th.

Peninsular and Oriental.
Khiva, Dec. 18th.
Devanha, Dec. 23rd.
Kashgar, Dec. 23rd.
Delta, Dec. 31st.
Malwa, Jan. 6th.
Nellore, Jan. 13th.
Khyber, Jan. 20th.
Khiva, Jan. 27th.
Macedonia, Feb. 3rd.
Negapore, Feb. 16th.
Kashmir, Feb. 17th.
Mantua, Mar. 1st.
Lahore, Mar. 11th.
Mongolia, Mar. 18th.
Morea, Mar. 29th.

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Javanese Prince, Dec. 31st.
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Canton, Jan. 5th.
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DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

DANGEROUS TO NAVIGATION.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

Half of a submerged junk, which is dangerous to navigation, is reported by the master of the s.s. *Kanchow* to be in Lat. 22.26½ N., Long. 115.11 E.

Martial Law.

Two notices relating to martial law having been enforced at Bocca Tigris appear at the Harbour Office.

The first one states that no vessels, either foreign or native, will be allowed to pass the Bocca Tigris between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. Temporary exemption from examination has been granted to foreign vessels.

A later notice issued, however, states that ships can pass Bocca Tigris Forts at night, but not Whampoa. This notice is from the Consul-General at Canton.

Chandu Haul At Singapore.

When the C.N.C. steamer *Anhui* arrived in Singapore from Amoy last week, she was boarded by customs officers, who discovered 150 taels of non-Government chandu in the trunk of a Chinese.

The chandu was very cleverly concealed in a wooden trunk consisting of two containers, one screwed inside the other. In the top container was the man's clothes, but when this was unscrewed and taken out, the chandu was discovered hidden in the false bottom.

The accused was charged in the Courts and fined $500 or two months' imprisonment.

Chinese Deck Passengers.

There was an unusually large batch of Chinese deck passengers entering the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday. No fewer than 5,296 persons were brought by eleven steamers.

Died At Sea.

The s.s. *Siestan* arriving here yesterday with 628 deck passengers from Singapore reported the death of one from tuberculosis.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The B.I. s.s. *Tilawa* will leave for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta at 3.30 on Tuesday, December 20th.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday were:—

North Wall Basin, *Francol, Kharki*; South Wall Basin, S/Ms. *L.4, L.19, L.27, Peterel*; North Arm, *Argus*; West Wall Dock, *Hawkins, Petersfield*; In Dock, *Sterling, Stormcloud, Cicala, Nessus*; No. 1 Buoy, *Witherington*; No. 3 Buoy, *Bluebell*; No. 4 Buoy, *Herald*; No. 5 Buoy, *Iroquois*; No. 6 Buoy, *Carlisle*; No. 7 Buoy, *Wolverine*; No. 8 Buoy, *Ambrose*, S/M. *L.5*; No. 10 Buoy, *Seraph, Sepoy*; No. 11 Buoy, *Serapis, Sirdar*; No. 12 Buoy, *Thracian*; No. 13 Buoy, *Bruce*; No. 19 Buoy, *Belgol*; No. 20 Buoy, *Foriol*; No. 27 Buoy, *Tern*; No. A26 Buoy, *Ruthenia*.

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"MOREA"	10,953	7th Jan., 1928	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	7th Jan. "	Straits and Bombay.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	21st Jan., "	Marseilles, L'don., Antwerp & Hull
"MALWA"	10,986	4th Feb., "	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	18th Feb., "	Marseilles, L'don., Antwerp & Hull.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	3rd Mar., "	Marseilles and London.
‡"KHIVA"	9,135	10th Mar., "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,985	17th Mar., "	Marseilles, L'don., Antwerp & Hull.
"KARMALA"	9,123	24th Mar., "	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,946	31st Mar., "	do.
‡"KALYAN"	9,144	7th April, "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	14th April, "	Marseilles and London.
"MOREA"	10,953	28th April, "	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th May, "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MALWA"	10,986	26th May, "	Marseilles and London.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	9th June, "	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	23rd June, "	do.

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"TILAWA"	10,008	20th Dec. 3.30 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"GARMULA"	5,254	8th Jan.	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,936	14th Jan.	do.
"SANTHIA"	7,754	29th Jan.	do.

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*"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	28th Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane Sydney and Melbourne.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	27th Jan., 1928	
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"DELTA"	8,097	1st Jan., 1928	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	3rd Jan., "	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"SANTHIA"	7,754	4th Jan., "	Amoy, S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"MALWA"	10,986	7th Jan., "	S'hai., Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
*"NELLORE"	6,853	14th Jan., "	do.
"KHYBER"	9,114	21st Jan., "	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KHIVA"	9,135	28th Jan., "	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	4th Feb., "	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,956	7th Feb., "	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
*"NAGPORE"	5,283	17th Feb., "	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	18th Feb., "	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	18th Feb. "	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,946	2nd Mar., "	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	6th Mar., "	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
*"LAHORE"	5,252	12th Mar., "	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	17th Mar., "	do.
"MOREA"	10,953	30th Mar., "	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	13th April, "	do.
"MALWA"	10,986	27th April, "	do.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	11th May, "	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	25th May, "	do.

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From	Per	Due
Australia & Manila	*Aki Maru*... ...	16th Dec.
Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	*Hakozaki Maru* ...	16th Dec.
Japan	*Rakuyo Maru* ...	17th Dec.
Shanghai	*Machaon*	17th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	*Pres. Garfield* ..	17th Dec.
Amoy	*Tilawa*	17th Dec.
Shanghai & Swatow	*Sunning*	17th Dec.
Shanghai	*Khiva*	18th Dec.
Europe via Negapatam (papers only, London, 17th Nov.)	*Tukliwa* ..	19th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai ...	*Pres. Taft* .	19th Dec.
Japan...	*Tango Maru* ..	20th Dec.
Manila	*Helenus*	23rd Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	*Kashgar*	24th Dec.
Straits	*City of Pekin* ...	25th Dec.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai ...	*Pres. McKinley* ...	26th Dec.
Straits	*Kamo Maru* ...	26th Dec.
Shanghai	*Patroclus* ...	29th Dec.
Suez & Straits	*Ixion* ...	29th Dec.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai..	*Empress of Asia* ...	29th Dec.
Suez and Straits	*Pyrrhus*	30th Dec.
Japan & Shanghai	*Hakusan Maru* ...	30th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai...	*Pres. Harrison*	31st Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
		Friday, 16th.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 27th Dec	*Changte* ...	Reg. 9.45 A M Letters 10.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Hong*	Noon
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia	*Antenor* ...	2.30 P M
Manila and parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	*Trier*	4.30 P M
Shanghai	*Szechuen* ...	5.00 P M
Bangkok	*Apoey*	5.00 P M *Kowloon P.O.* Reg. 16th, 4.30 P M Let. 17th, 8.00 A M *G.P.O.*
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 15th Jan., 1928	*Hakozaki Maru*	Reg. 17th, 8.45 A M Let. 17th, 9.30 A M Parc 18th, 5.00 P M Reg. 17th, 9.45 A M Letters 10.30 A M
Japan, Canada, U.S.A. C. & S. America & *EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 9th Jan., 1928	*Achilles*	Saturday, 17th, 8.30 A M
	Aki Maru ...	11.30 A M
Japan	*Chusa*	3.30 P M
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	*Kiangchow* ...	5.00 P M
Amoy	*Khiva*	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	*Kiangsu*	Sunday, 18th, 8.30 A M
Bangkok via Swatow	*Hosan Maru* ...	9.00 A M
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	*Sunning*	Monday, 19th, 3.30 P M
Amoy	*Mendo Maru* ...	Tuesday, 20th, 8.30 A M
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	*Tilawa*	Parcels 12.30 P M
Straits and Calcutta	*Hai Ning* ..	Letters 1.30 P M 1.00 P M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Paul Lecat* ..	*Kowloon P.O.* Reg. 1.00 P M Letters 1.00 P M *G.P.O.* Reg. 1.45 P M Letters 2.30 P M
Saigon, *Straits Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th January, 1928	*Taikoo Maru* ...	Wednesday, 21st, 8.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Tango Maru* ...	Reg. 8.45 A M Letters 9.30 A M
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 2nd January, 1928	*Sui Sang*... ...	Thursday, 22nd, 1.30 P M
Sandakan	*Kweichow* ...	2.30 P M
Wei Hai Wei		

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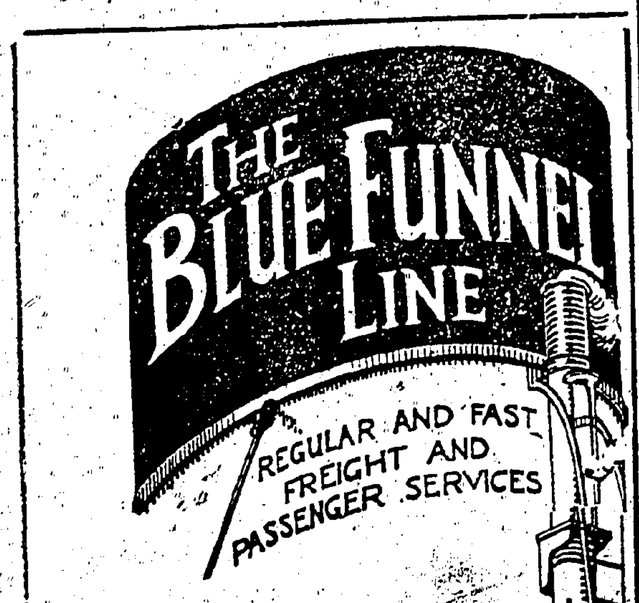

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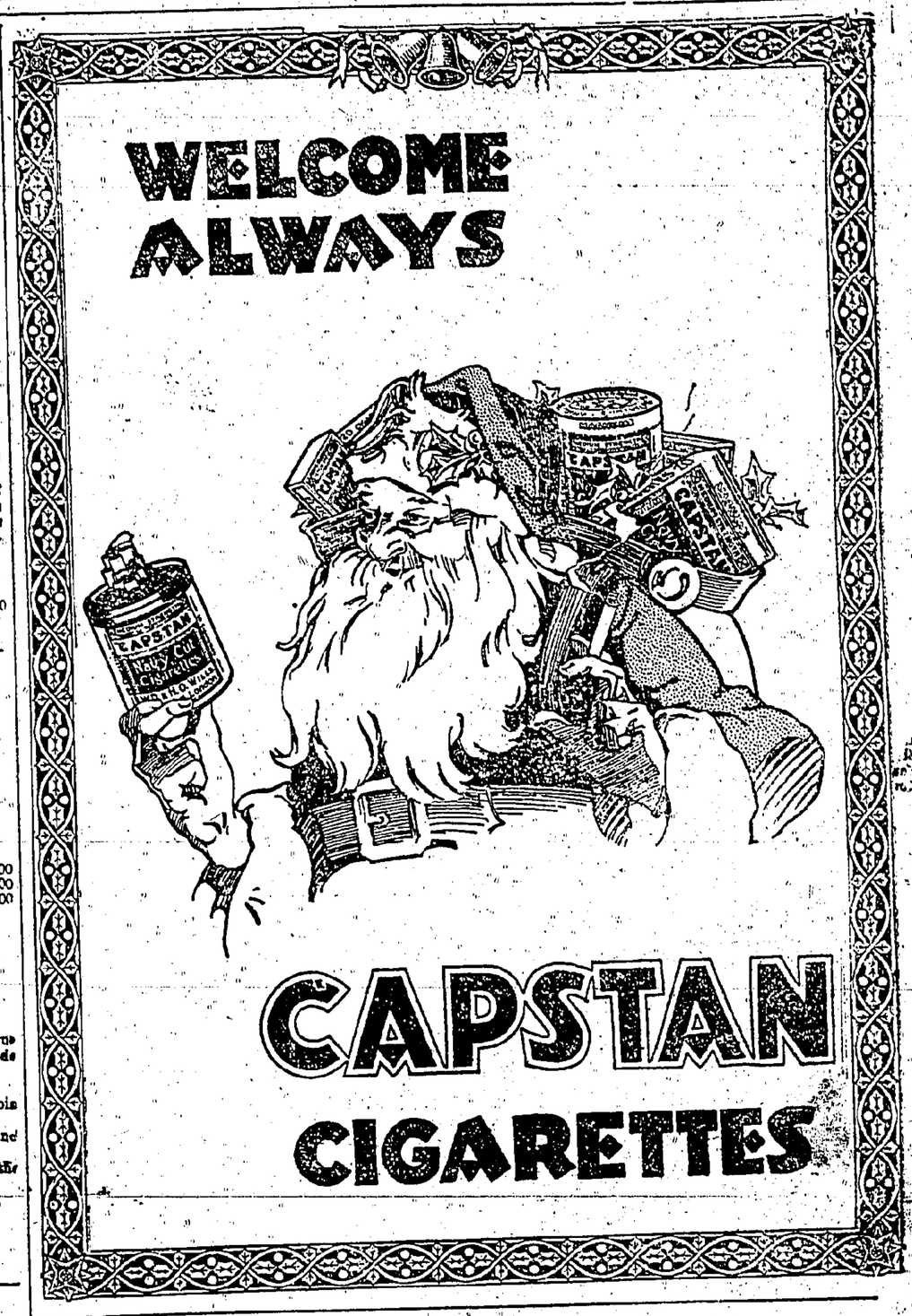

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